

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

**SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY**

The House met at 5:00 p.m. and was called to order by Madam Speaker Harwell.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Marta Cogburn, Interim Director, Jubilee Project United Methodist Church, Sneedville, TN.

Representative Faison led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll call was taken with the following results:

Present..... 96

Representatives present were Akbari, Alexander, Armstrong, Beck, Brooks H., Brooks K., Butt, Byrd, Calfee, Camper, Carr, Carter, Casada, Clemmons, Coley, Cooper, Daniel, Dunlap, Dunn, Durham, Eldridge, Faison, Farmer, Favors, Fitzhugh, Forgety, Gilmore, Goins, Gravitt, Halford, Hardaway, Harrison, Hawk, Haynes, Hazlewood, Hill M., Hill T., Holsclaw, Holt, Howell, Hulsey, Jernigan, Johnson, Jones, Kane, Keisling, Kumar, Lamberth, Littleton, Lollar, Love, Lundberg, Lynn, Marsh, Matheny, Matlock, McCormick, McDaniel, McManus, Miller, Mitchell, Moody, Parkinson, Pitts, Pody, Powell, Powers, Ragan, Ramsey, Reedy, Rogers, Sanderson, Sargent, Sexton C., Sexton J., Shaw, Shepard, Smith, Sparks, Spivey, Stewart, Swann, Terry, Todd, Towns, Travis, Turner, Van Huss, Weaver, White D., White M., Wilburn, Williams, Windle, Wirgau, Madam Speaker Harwell -- 96

**EXCUSED**

The Speaker announced that the following member has been excused, pursuant to request under **Rule No. 20**:

Representative Doss; illness

Representative DeBerry

**PRESENT IN CHAMBER**

Reps. Lynn and Womick were recorded as being present in the Chamber.

**COMMUNICATION  
JANUARY 20, 2015**

Rep. Steve McManus  
20 Legislative Plaza  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Autism Spectrum Disorder Taskforce

Dear Chairman McManus:

As Speaker of the House of Representatives acting pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 25-1-2502(b), I am appointing you to serve as co-chairman of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Taskforce. Your term commences immediately and will expire on November 8, 2016.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to your co-chairman, Rusty Crowe.

I am confident that you will perform the duties of office with the high standard of professionalism, dedication and integrity that the citizens of Tennessee deserve and expect of their public servants.

Best Wishes,

/s/ Speaker Beth Harwell

cc: Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey  
Senator Rusty Crowe  
Cody York, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Snodgrass Tower  
Don R. Johnson, G-7 State Capitol Bldg.  
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**COMMUNICATION  
JANUARY 22, 2015**

The Honorable Joe McCord  
Chief Clerk of the Tennessee House of Representatives  
301 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Suite 19 Legislative Plaza  
Nashville, TN 37243

RE: Designee on House Government Operations Committee

Dear Mr. McCord-

In accordance with Rule 65, I hereby designate Representative Ron Lollar to serve in my absence as a member of the House Government Operations committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gerald McCormick

cc: The Honorable Beth Harwell  
The Honorable Jeremy Faison

**COMMUNICATION  
JANUARY 26, 2015**

Rep. Kent Calfee  
219 War Memorial Building  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Council on Pensions and Insurance

Dear Rep. Calfee:

Acting pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 3-9-101(d)(4), I am reappointing you to serve as the House Speaker's designee on the Council on Pensions and Insurance. Your new term commences immediately and will expire on January 10, 2017.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Council on Pensions and Insurance. Council staff will be contacting you in the near future regarding this membership.

I am confident that you will continue to perform the duties of office with the high standard of professionalism, dedication and integrity that the citizens of Tennessee deserve and expect of their public servants.

Best Wishes,

/s/ Speaker Beth Harwell

cc: Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey  
Jill Bachus – Council on Pensions and Insurance  
Cody York, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Snodgrass Tower  
Don R. Johnson, G-7 State Capitol Bldg.  
Scott Gilmer  
Connie Ridley  
Joseph A. Barnes  
Tammy Letzler

**COMMUNICATION  
JANUARY 28, 2015**

Rep. Karen Camper  
32 Legislative Plaza  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Council on Pensions and Insurance

Dear Rep. Camper:

As Speaker of the House of Representatives acting pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 3-9-101(a), I am approving your appointment by Chairman Sargent of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, to serve as a member of the Council on Pensions and Insurance. Your term commences immediately and will expire in accordance with § 3-9-101(b).

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Council on Pensions and Insurance. Council staff will be contacting you in the near future regarding this membership.

I am confident that you will perform the duties of office with the high standard of professionalism, dedication and integrity that the citizens of Tennessee deserve and expect of their public servants.

Best Wishes,

/s/ Speaker Beth Harwell

cc: Jill Bachus, Director TCRS – Treasury Department  
Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey  
Cody York, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Snodgrass Tower  
Don R. Johnson, G-7 State Capitol Bldg.  
Scott Gilmer  
Connie Ridley  
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**COMMUNICATION  
JANUARY 28, 2015**

Rep. Steve McDaniel  
18 Legislative Plaza  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Council on Pensions and Insurance

Dear Rep. McDaniel:

As Speaker of the House of Representatives acting pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 3-9-101(a), I am approving your reappointment by Chairman Sargent of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, to serve as a member of the Council on Pensions and Insurance. Your new term commences immediately and will expire in accordance with § 3-9-101(b).

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Council on Pensions and Insurance. Council staff will be contacting you in the near future regarding this membership.

I am confident that you will continue to perform the duties of office with the high standard of professionalism, dedication and integrity that the citizens of Tennessee deserve and expect of their public servants.

Best Wishes,

/s/ Speaker Beth Harwell

cc: Jill Bachus, Director TCRS – Treasury Department  
Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey  
Cody York, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Snodgrass Tower  
Don R. Johnson, G-7 State Capitol Bldg.  
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**COMMUNICATION  
JANUARY 28, 2015**

Rep. Craig Fitzhugh  
33 Legislative Plaza  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Council on Pensions and Insurance

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015 – SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY UNOFFICIAL VERSION**

Dear Rep. Fitzhugh:

As Speaker of the House of Representatives acting pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 3-9-101(a), I am approving your reappointment by Chairman Sargent of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, to serve as a member of the Council on Pensions and Insurance. Your new term commences immediately and will expire in accordance with § 3-9-101(b).

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Council on Pensions and Insurance. Council staff will be contacting you in the near future regarding this membership.

I am confident that you will perform the duties of office with the high standard of professionalism, dedication and integrity that the citizens of Tennessee deserve and expect of their public servants.

Best Wishes,

/s/ Speaker Beth Harwell

cc: Jill Bachus, Director TCRS – Treasury Department  
Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey  
Cody York, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Snodgrass Tower  
Don R. Johnson, G-7 State Capitol Bldg.  
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**COMMUNICATION  
JANUARY 29, 2015**

Jeff Cook, MD  
1615 Edgewater Court  
Franklin, TN 37069

Re: Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission

Dear Dr. Cook:

As Speaker of the House of Representatives acting pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 70-1-201, I am appointing you to serve as a member of the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission. Your term commences March 1, 2015 and will expire on February 28, 2019. This appointment is made subject to confirmation by the General Assembly.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Executive Director, Ed Carter. Mr. Carter's office will be contacting you in the near future regarding this appointment.

I am confident that you will perform the duties of office with the high standard of professionalism, dedication and integrity that the citizens of Tennessee deserve and expect of their public servants.

Best Wishes,

/s/ Speaker Beth Harwell

cc: Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey  
Ed Carter – Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency  
Cody York, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Snodgrass Tower  
Don R. Johnson, G-7 State Capitol Bldg.  
Scott Gilmer  
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Joseph A. Barnes  
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**COMMUNICATION  
FEBRUARY 2, 2015**

Rep. Antonio Parkinson  
36B Legislative Plaza  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR)

Dear Rep. Parkinson:

As Speaker of the House of Representatives acting pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 4-10-103, I am reappointing you to serve as a member of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Your new term commences immediately and will expire on November 8, 2016.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Executive Director, Lynnissee Roehrick-Patrick, will be contacting you in the near future regarding this appointment.

I am confident that you will continue to perform the duties of office with the high standard of professionalism, dedication and integrity that the citizens of Tennessee deserve and expect of their public servants.

Best Wishes,

/s/ Speaker Beth Harwell

cc: Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey  
Lynnissee Roehrick-Patrick - TACIR  
Cody York, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Snodgrass Tower  
Don R. Johnson, G-7 State Capitol Bldg.  
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Tammy Letzler

**COMMUNICATION  
FEBRUARY 2, 2015**

Rep. Harold Love  
35 Legislative Plaza  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR)

Dear Rep. Love:

As Speaker of the House of Representatives acting pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 4-10-103, I am appointing you to serve as a member of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Your term commences immediately and will expire on November 8, 2016.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Executive Director, Lynnissee Roehrick-Patrick, will be contacting you in the near future regarding this appointment.

I am confident that you will perform the duties of office with the high standard of professionalism, dedication and integrity that the citizens of Tennessee deserve and expect of their public servants.

Best Wishes,

/s/ Speaker Beth Harwell

cc: Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey  
Lynnissee Roehrick-Patrick - TACIR  
Cody York, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Snodgrass Tower  
Don R. Johnson, G-7 State Capitol Bldg.  
Scott Gilmer  
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**COMMUNICATION  
FEBRUARY 2, 2015**

Rep. Tim Wirgau  
G-2 War Memorial Building  
Nashville, TN 37243

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015 – SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY UNOFFICIAL VERSION**

Re: Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR)

Dear Rep. Wirgau:

As Speaker of the House of Representatives acting pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 4-10-103, I am appointing you to serve as a member of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Your term commences immediately and will expire on November 8, 2016.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Executive Director, Lynnissee Roehrick-Patrick, will be contacting you in the near future regarding this appointment.

I am confident that you will perform the duties of office with the high standard of professionalism, dedication and integrity that the citizens of Tennessee deserve and expect of their public servants.

Best Wishes,

/s/ Speaker Beth Harwell

cc: Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey  
Lynnissee Roehrick-Patrick - TACIR  
Cody York, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Snodgrass Tower  
Don R. Johnson, G-7 State Capitol Bldg.  
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**COMMUNICATION  
FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

Rep. Jimmy Eldridge  
208 War Memorial Building  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Advisory Council on Workers Compensation

Dear Rep. Eldridge:

As Speaker of the House of Representatives acting pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 50-6-121(a)(1)(G), I am sending this letter to remind you that, as chair of the Consumer and Human Resources Committee you serve on the Advisory Council on Workers Compensation. Your new term commences immediately and will expire on January 10, 2017.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Administrator Lynn Schroeder. Ms. Schroeder's office will be contacting you in the near future regarding this appointment.

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I am confident that you will continue to perform the duties of office with the high standard of professionalism, dedication and integrity that the citizens of Tennessee deserve and expect of their public servants.

Best Wishes,

/s/ Speaker Beth Harwell

cc: Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey  
Administrator Lynn Schroeder – Advisory Council on Workers Compensation  
Cody York, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Snodgrass Tower  
Don R. Johnson, G-7 State Capitol Bldg.  
Scott Gilmer  
Connie Ridley  
Joseph A. Barnes  
Tammy Letzler

**COMMUNICATION  
FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

Rep. Cameron Sexton  
114 War Memorial Building  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Autism Spectrum Disorder Taskforce

Dear Chairman Sexton:

As Speaker of the House of Representatives acting pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 25-1-2502(a)(2), I am sending this letter to remind you that, as chairman of the House Health Committee you serve on the Autism Spectrum Disorder Taskforce. Your term commences immediately and will expire on November 8, 2016.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the co-chairmen, Senator Rusty Crowe and Representative Steve McManus.

I am confident that you will perform the duties of office with the high standard of professionalism, dedication and integrity that the citizens of Tennessee deserve and expect of their public servants.

Best Wishes,

/s/ Speaker Beth Harwell

cc: Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey  
Senator Rusty Crowe  
Representative Steve McManus  
Cody York, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Snodgrass Tower

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**COMMUNICATION  
FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

Rep. Charles Sargent  
206 War Memorial Building  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Council on Pensions and Insurance

Dear Chairman Sargent:

As Speaker of the House of Representatives acting pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 3-9-101(a), I am sending this letter to remind you that, as Chairman of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee you serve as a member of the Council on Pensions and Insurance. Your new term commences immediately and will expire on November 8, 2016

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Council on Pensions and Insurance. Council staff will be contacting you in the near future regarding this membership.

I am confident that you will continue to perform the duties of office with the high standard of professionalism, dedication and integrity that the citizens of Tennessee deserve and expect of their public servants.

Best Wishes,

/s/ Speaker Beth Harwell

cc: Jill Bachus, Director TCRS – Treasury Department  
Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey  
Cody York, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Snodgrass Tower  
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**COMMUNICATION  
FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

Rep. Michael Harrison

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015 – SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY UNOFFICIAL VERSION**

206A War Memorial Building  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Council on Pensions and Insurance

Dear Chairman Harrison:

As Speaker of the House of Representatives acting pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 3-9-101(a), I am sending this letter to remind you that, as Chairman of the House Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee you serve as a member of the Council on Pensions and Insurance. Your term commences immediately and will expire on November 8, 2016.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Council on Pensions and Insurance. Council staff will be contacting you in the near future regarding this membership.

I am confident that you will continue to perform the duties of office with the high standard of professionalism, dedication and integrity that the citizens of Tennessee deserve and expect of their public servants.

Best Wishes,

/s/ Speaker Beth Harwell

cc: Jill Bachus, Director TCRS – Treasury Department  
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**COMMUNICATION  
FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

Rep. Charles M. Sargent  
206 War Memorial Building  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR)

Dear Chairman Sargent:

As Speaker of the House of Representatives acting pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 4-10-103(a)(2), I am sending this letter to remind you that, as chair of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, you serve as an ex officio member of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Your new term commences immediately and will expire on November 8, 2016.

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I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Executive Director, Lynnissee Roehrick-Patrick, will be contacting you in the near future regarding this appointment.

I am confident that you will continue to perform the duties of office with the high standard of professionalism, dedication and integrity that the citizens of Tennessee deserve and expect of their public servants.

Best Wishes,

/s/ Speaker Beth Harwell

cc: Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey  
Lynnissee Roehrick-Patrick - TACIR  
Cody York, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Snodgrass Tower  
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**COMMUNICATION  
FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

Chairman Charles Sargent  
206 War Memorial Building  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Douglas Henry State Museum Commission

Chairman Sargent:

As Speaker of the House of Representatives acting pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 4-20-301(e), I am sending this letter to remind you that, as the Chairman of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, you serve as a member of the Douglas Henry State Museum Commission. Alternatively, you may appoint a designee to serve in your place. Your term commences immediately and will expire on November 8, 2016.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Douglas Henry State Museum Commission. Lois Riggins-Ezzell, Executive Director will be contacting you in the near future.

I am confident that you will perform the duties of office with the high standard of professionalism, dedication and integrity that the citizens of Tennessee deserve and expect of their public servants.

Best Wishes,

/s/ Speaker Beth Harwell

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015 – SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY UNOFFICIAL VERSION**

cc: Lois Riggins-Ezzell, Executive Director – Douglas Henry State Museum Commission  
Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey  
Cody York, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Snodgrass Tower  
Don R. Johnson, G-7 State Capitol Bldg.  
Scott Gilmer  
Connie Ridley  
Joseph A. Barnes  
Tammy Letzler

**COMMUNICATION  
FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

Rep. David Alexander  
107 War Memorial Building  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Council on Pensions and Insurance

Dear Representative Alexander:

As Speaker of the House of Representatives acting pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 3-9-101(a), I am sending this letter to remind you that, as the Vice-Chairman of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, you serve as a member of the Council on Pensions and Insurance. Your term commences immediately and will expire on November 8, 2016.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Council on Pensions and Insurance. Council staff will be contacting you in the near future regarding this membership.

I am confident that you will continue to perform the duties of office with the high standard of professionalism, dedication and integrity that the citizens of Tennessee deserve and expect of their public servants.

Best Wishes,

/s/ Speaker Beth Harwell

cc: Jill Bachus, Director TCRS – Treasury Department  
Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey  
Cody York, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Snodgrass Tower  
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**SPONSORS ADDED**

## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015 – SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY UNOFFICIAL VERSION**

Under **Rule No. 43**, the following members were permitted to add their names as sponsors as indicated below, the prime sponsor of each having agreed to such addition:

**House Bill No. 3** Reps. Kane, Love, Sparks, Johnson, Lamberth, Faison, Casada, McManus, Williams, Harrison, Swann, Eldridge, C. Sexton, Marsh, Wirgau, Rogers, Pitts, Keisling, Sargent, McCormick, H. Brooks, Towns, Hardaway, Ragan, Van Huss as prime sponsors.

**House Bill No. 3** Rep. Harwell as second prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 22** Rep. Hardaway as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 33** Reps. Lollar and Hulsey as prime sponsors.

**House Bill No. 61** Rep. Rogers as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 63** Rep. McDaniel as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 96** Rep. Matlock as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 108** Rep. M. White as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 116** Rep. Swann as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 120** Rep. Sargent as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 125** Rep. M. White as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 197** Reps. Hawk, Jones, Daniel as prime sponsors.

**House Bill No. 210** Reps. M. White, Holt, Dunn, DeBerry as prime sponsors.

**House Bill No. 240** Rep. Lamberth as prime sponsor.

### **SPONSORS REMOVED**

On motion, Rep. Harrison was removed as sponsor of **House Bill No. 3**.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE January 22, 2015**

MADAM SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the House, Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31 and 32; For the signature of the Speaker.

RUSSELL A. HUMPHREY, Chief Clerk

**SIGNED**

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The Speaker announced that she had signed the following: Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31 and 32.

JOE MCCORD, Chief Clerk

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

January 22, 2015

MADAM SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the House, House Joint Resolutions Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24 and 27; concurred in by the Senate.

RUSSELL A. HUMPHREY, Chief Clerk

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

January 22, 2015

MADAM SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the House, Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 and 57; adopted, for the House's action.

RUSSELL A. HUMPHREY, Chief Clerk

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 47** -- Memorials, Recognition - Textile Printing Company. by \*Watson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 49** -- Memorials, Recognition - Recognizing Debbie Massey for 10 years of service with the Madison-Rivergate Area Chamber of Commerce. by \*Dickerson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 50** -- Memorials, Death - Joseph C. Loser Jr. by \*Dickerson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 51** -- Memorials, Retirement - Reverend Joseph Patrick Breen. by \*Dickerson, \*Yarbro.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 52** -- Memorials, Sports - Vanderbilt University baseball team, 2014 NCAA National Champions. by \*Yarbro, \*Harper, \*Dickerson, \*Haile, \*Bailey, \*Beavers, \*Bell, \*Bowling, \*Briggs, \*Crowe, \*Gardenhire, \*Green, \*Gresham, \*Harris, \*Hensley, \*Jackson, \*Johnson, \*Kelsey, \*Ketron, \*Kyle, \*Massey, \*McNally, \*Niceley, \*Norris, \*Overbey, \*Ramsey, \*Roberts, \*Southerland, \*Stevens, \*Tate, \*Tracy, \*Watson, \*Yager.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 53** -- Memorials, Death - Elizabeth Craig Weaver Proctor. by \*Dickerson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 54** -- Memorials, Death - Charles Richard Franklin Treadway. by \*Dickerson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 55** -- Memorials, Death - John Lawrence Seigenthaler. by \*Dickerson, \*McNally, \*Overbey, \*Tracy, \*Yarbro.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 56** -- Memorials, Death - Bruce Isbester Crabtree Jr. by \*Dickerson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 57** -- Memorials, Death - Cecil D. Branstetter. by \*Dickerson, \*Overbey, \*Yarbro.

**ENROLLED BILLS  
January 23, 2015**

MADAM SPEAKER: Your Chief Engrossing Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully compared House Joint Resolutions Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24 and 27; and find same correctly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the Speakers.

GREG GLASS, Chief Engrossing Clerk

**SIGNED  
January 23, 2015**

The Speaker announced that she had signed the following: House Joint Resolutions Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24 and 27.

GREG GLASS, Chief Engrossing Clerk

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE  
January 23, 2015**

MADAM SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the House, House Joint Resolutions Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24 and 27; signed by the Speaker.

RUSSELL A. HUMPHREY, Chief Clerk

**REPORT OF CHIEF ENGROSSING CLERK  
January 23, 2015**

MADAM SPEAKER: Your Chief Engrossing Clerk begs leave to report that we have transmitted to the Governor the following: House Joint Resolutions Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24 and 27; for his action.

GREG GLASS, Chief Engrossing Clerk

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
January 23, 2015**

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MADAM SPEAKER: I am directed by the Governor to return herewith: House Joint Resolutions Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22 and 24; with his approval.

DWIGHT E. TARWATER, Counsel to the Governor

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**  
**January 27, 2015**

MADAM SPEAKER: I am directed by the Governor to return herewith: House Joint Resolution No. 27; with his approval.

DWIGHT E. TARWATER, Counsel to the Governor

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

On motion, pursuant to **Rule No. 17**, the following resolutions listed were introduced and referred to the appropriate Committee:

**House Resolution No. 3** -- Court Rules - Ratifies and approves the amendments and revisions to the Tennessee Rules of Appellate Procedure, as adopted by the supreme court. by \*Lundberg.

House Civil Justice Committee

**House Resolution No. 4** -- Court Rules - Ratifies and approves the amendments and revisions to the Tennessee Rules of Criminal Procedure, as adopted by the supreme court. by \*Lundberg, \*Powell, \*Mitchell.

House Criminal Justice Committee

**\*House Resolution No. 5** -- Memorials, Congress - Urge Congress to approve the Keystone XL oil pipeline. by \*Pody, \*Kane, \*Spivey.

House State Government Committee

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 47** -- General Assembly, Statement of Intent or Position - Expresses support for efforts to ensure women have access to full range of contraception. by \*Jones.

House Health Committee

**House Joint Resolution No. 51** -- Naming and Designating - "Child Abuse Prevention Month" April 2015. by \*Williams.

House Civil Justice Committee

**House Joint Resolution No. 53** -- Naming and Designating - Designates February 2015 as "Apartment Careers Month.". by \*Lamberth.

House Business and Utilities Committee

**House Joint Resolution No. 54** -- Courts, Supreme Court of Tennessee - Urges the supreme court to adopt rules providing free online public access to video of supreme court oral arguments. by \*Coley.

House Civil Justice Committee

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Pursuant to **Rule No. 17**, the following resolutions were introduced and placed on the Consent Calendar for February 11, 2015:

**House Joint Resolution No. 28** -- Memorials, Recognition - Discovery School at Reeves-Rogers. by \*Terry.

**House Joint Resolution No. 29** -- Memorials, Recognition - The Battle of New Orleans, 200th anniversary. by \*Jernigan.

**House Joint Resolution No. 30** -- Memorials, Retirement - Karl W. Dudley. by \*Wilburn.

**House Joint Resolution No. 31** -- Memorials, Recognition - McPheeter's Bend Elementary School, Value-Added Achievement Award. by \*Harrison.

**House Joint Resolution No. 32** -- Memorials, Recognition - Larry E. Elkins. by \*Harrison.

**House Joint Resolution No. 33** -- Memorials, Death - Freddie D. Alley. by \*Harrison.

**House Joint Resolution No. 34** -- Memorials, Death - B. Randall "Bud" Price. by \*Harrison.

**House Joint Resolution No. 35** -- Memorials, Retirement - Mike Antrican. by \*Harrison.

**House Joint Resolution No. 36** -- Memorials, Death - John Floyd Peeler. by \*Harrison.

**House Joint Resolution No. 37** -- Memorials, Death - Mildred Bradshaw Ford. by \*Harrison.

**House Joint Resolution No. 38** -- Memorials, Personal Occasion - Benjamin and Wanda Sue Davis, 50th wedding anniversary. by \*Harrison.

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**House Joint Resolution No. 39** -- Memorials, Personal Occasion - Bill and Faye Barrett. by \*Harrison.

**House Joint Resolution No. 40** -- Memorials, Recognition - Kyong Dotson, Korean American Association. by \*Johnson, \*Reedy, \*Pitts.

**House Joint Resolution No. 41** -- Memorials, Death - Omer Gene Brooksher. by \*Kumar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 42** -- Memorials, Death - Vicki Kay Guess Griffith. by \*Windle, \*Keisling.

**House Joint Resolution No. 43** -- Memorials, Recognition - Wade Norris, Tennessee Forestry Association 2014 Master Logger of the Year. by \*Eldridge.

**House Joint Resolution No. 44** -- Memorials, Heroism - Caleb Martin. by \*Littleton.

**House Joint Resolution No. 45** -- Memorials, Death - Charles Gaylon Turnage. by \*Fitzhugh.

**House Joint Resolution No. 46** -- Memorials, Death - Harlan Mathews. by \*Fitzhugh.

**House Joint Resolution No. 48** -- Memorials, Heroism - Lieutenant Chris Euman. by \*Reedy.

**House Joint Resolution No. 49** -- Memorials, Heroism - Captain Dustin Sinclair. by \*Reedy.

**House Joint Resolution No. 50** -- Memorials, Death - Elwood Pennington. by \*Powers.

**House Joint Resolution No. 52** -- Memorials, Recognition - Sergeant Lecil Nolan, Palmer Veteran's Appreciation Award. by \*Dunlap.

**House Joint Resolution No. 55** -- Memorials, Recognition - Recognizing Bill Comer for his service to Industrial Board of Coffee County Inc. by \*Matheny.

**House Joint Resolution No. 56** -- Memorials, Personal Achievement - Deborah R. Williams, Ms. Tennessee Senior America 2014. by \*Lynn.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

On motion, the following bills were introduced and passed first consideration:

**\*House Bill No. 128** -- State Government - As introduced, removes conviction-related questions on job applications for employment with certain state agencies and political subdivisions. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 21 and Title 50. by \*Gilmore, \*Camper, \*Hardaway, \*Miller, \*Turner, \*Love, \*Akbari, \*Armstrong, \*Favors, \*Cooper, \*Shaw, \*Jones, \*Powell, \*Fitzhugh, \*Stewart.

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**\*House Bill No. 129** -- Criminal Offenses - As introduced, prohibits a private entity that performs criminal background checks from reporting that a person has been convicted of an offense, if the offense has been expunged for not less than six months. - Amends TCA Title 40. by \*Gilmore.

**\*House Bill No. 130** -- Optometry - As introduced, requires board of optometry to maintain licensee records in an appropriate format instead of a record book. - Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 8. by \*Williams.

**House Bill No. 131** -- Alcoholic Beverages - As introduced, authorizes any establishment in Eagleville that is licensed to serve beer to also serve alcoholic beverages and wine on premises with a premier type tourist resort license. - Amends TCA Title 57, Chapter 4. by \*Johnson.

**House Bill No. 132** -- Motor Vehicles - As introduced, defines "curbstoning" as the practice of selling, or offering to sell, a motor vehicle that is not titled in the seller's name by a person lacking a license to sell motor vehicles in this state and permits state entities to seize vehicles offered for sale as part of a curbstoning scheme. - Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 33, Part 2; Title 55, Chapter 16; Title 55, Chapter 17, Part 1 and Title 55, Chapter 3. by \*Johnson.

**\*House Bill No. 133** -- Prisons and Reformatory Institutions - As introduced, requires an action that accrued while a plaintiff inmate was housed in a facility operated by a private corporation pursuant to a contract with the state or local government to be brought in the county in which the facility is located. - Amends TCA Title 41, Chapter 21, Part 8. by \*Lamberth.

**\*House Bill No. 134** -- Alcohol Offenses, Motor Vehicles - As introduced, specifies that if a person is charged with vehicular assault, vehicular homicide, or aggravated vehicular homicide and has a prior alcohol-related motor vehicle conviction, the judge or magistrate must make use of a transdermal monitoring device a condition of the person's bail. - Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 11, Part 1. by \*Lamberth.

**\*House Bill No. 135** -- Game and Fish Laws - As introduced, specifies that it is not an offense to kill or injure a threatening wild animal in self-defense or in defense of property; creates a Class C misdemeanor for failure to report the incident. - Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 70. by \*Faison.

**\*House Bill No. 136** -- Firearms and Ammunition - As introduced, creates an exception to the offense of possession of a machine gun, short-barreled rifle or shotgun, or a firearm silencer that the person was in compliance with the National Firearms Act when possessing. - Amends TCA Section 39-17-1302. by \*Faison.

**\*House Bill No. 137** -- Eminent Domain - As introduced, requires actions brought by a landowner for a jury of inquest or damages to be brought within 12 months after the land has been actually taken possession of and the work of proposed improvement begun. - Amends TCA Title 29, Chapter 16. by \*Lamberth, \*Howell.

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**House Bill No. 138** -- Education - As introduced, enacts the "Individualized Education Act." - Amends TCA Title 49. by \*Moody.

**\*House Bill No. 139** -- Criminal Offenses - As introduced, creates a Class E felony of intentionally possessing a firearm that the person knows or reasonably should know is stolen. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 1 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13. by \*Gilmore.

**\*House Bill No. 140** -- Alcoholic Beverages - As introduced, expands the open container law to include the driver of a motor vehicle as well as the passengers; permits certain bowling centers to serve alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption if the bowling center has a restaurant or limited service restaurant located on the premises of the bowling center. - Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 4 and Title 57, Chapter 4. by \*Lundberg.

**\*House Bill No. 141** -- Courts - As introduced, creates a task force on implementing e-filing in Tennessee's court system; creates a task force on revising the process of appointment of counsel for indigent defendants. - Amends TCA Title 16. by \*Lundberg.

**House Bill No. 142** -- Judges and Chancellors - As introduced, establishes the procedure for the appointment, confirmation, and retention of appellate court judges pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee. - Amends TCA Title 2; Title 4; Title 6; Title 16; Title 17 and Title 38. by \*Lundberg.

**\*House Bill No. 143** -- Health Care - As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Right to Try Act." - Amends TCA Title 56; Title 63 and Title 68. by \*Lundberg, \*Goins, \*Butt.

**House Bill No. 144** -- Courts - As introduced, establishes advisory task forces to study and report recommendations on electronic filing in state courts and the appointment of counsel for indigent defenses. - Amends TCA Title 16. by \*Lundberg.

**\*House Bill No. 145** -- Beer - As introduced, imposes, after July 1, 2015, a one-year United States citizenship or residency requirement on beer permit applicants. - Amends TCA Title 57, Chapter 5. by \*Marsh.

**\*House Bill No. 146** -- Employees, Employers - As introduced, prohibits employers from terminating employees who are canine search and rescue volunteers solely because such volunteer is absent from work or is late to work in order to respond to a search and rescue. - Amends TCA Title 50, Chapter 1, Part 3. by \*Moody.

**\*House Bill No. 147** -- Animal Cruelty and Abuse - As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Animal Abuser Registration Act." - Amends TCA Title 39; Title 40 and Title 44. by \*Jernigan.

**House Bill No. 148** -- Motor Vehicles - As introduced, authorizes all-terrain vehicles on a portion of a state highway in the Town of Huntsville in Scott County. - Amends TCA Section 55-3-101 and Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 1. by \*Keisling.

**\*House Bill No. 149** -- Local Government, General - As introduced, removes time limitation on county legislative body's election to include certain personnel in the definition of

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"law enforcement officer" for purposes of the provisions governing the presumption that certain health impairments resulting in a law enforcement officer's death or personal injury are attributable to injury suffered in the course of employment, unless otherwise shown by medical evidence. - Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 51. by \*Jernigan.

**\*House Bill No. 150** -- Hospitals and Health Care Facilities - As introduced, for purposes of a public benefit hospital entity publishing notice of a conveyance transaction, corrects an erroneous reference to the "antitrust" division of the attorney general's office; revises procedures governing challenges by not-for-profit hospitals to certain assessments. - Amends TCA Title 48; Title 67 and Title 68. by \*Harrison.

**House Bill No. 151** -- TennCare - As introduced, enacts the "Annual Coverage Assessment Act of 2015." - Amends TCA Title 71, Chapter 5 and Chapter 877 of the Public Acts of 2014. by \*Harrison.

**House Bill No. 152** -- Mobile Homes and Manufactured Buildings - As introduced, deletes commissioner of commerce and insurance's authority to establish a monitoring inspection fee to be paid by each manufactured home manufacturer. - Amends TCA Title 55; Title 67 and Title 68. by \*Harrison.

**\*House Bill No. 153** -- Criminal Offenses - As introduced, prohibits the use of an unmanned aircraft to capture an image, without the venue owner and operator's consent, of an individual or event at an open-air event venue wherein more than 100 individuals could gather for an event. - Amends TCA Title 39. by \*Harrison.

**House Bill No. 154** -- Statutes and Codification - As introduced, codifies the acts of the 2014 legislative session. by \*McCormick.

**\*House Bill No. 155** -- Education - As introduced, requires the state board of education to develop a system to grade schools based on student achievement; requires the department of education to include the school grades on the state report card. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6. by \*Casada.

**\*House Bill No. 156** -- Consumer Protection - As introduced, requires that sales of gift cards be made person-to-person and requires nonrenewal and suspension of eligibility for reissuance of a violator's business tax license. - Amends TCA Title 47; Title 48 and Title 67. by \*Casada.

**\*House Bill No. 157** -- Schools, Charter - As introduced, allows the governing body of a charter school to choose the insurance plans offered to the school's teachers and other full-time permanent employees. - Amends TCA Section 49-13-119. by \*Casada.

**\*House Bill No. 158** -- Teachers, Principals and School Personnel - As introduced, makes the Little Hatch Act applicable to teachers and certain other public school employees. - Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 19, Part 2; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 5. by \*Casada.

**\*House Bill No. 159** -- Public Funds and Financing - As introduced, under certain circumstances, prohibits the state from disbursing federal funds it receives on behalf of a few

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local government units if the state did not apply for those funds on behalf of all local government units of the same type. - Amends TCA Title 3, Chapter 7; Title 4, Chapter 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9, Chapter 4 and Title 49. by \*Casada.

**\*House Bill No. 160** -- Attorney General and Reporter - As introduced, authorizes the general assembly to direct the attorney general and reporter to initiate a civil action on behalf of the state. - Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 6. by \*Casada.

**\*House Bill No. 161** -- Utilities, Utility Districts - As introduced, allows a privately owned for-profit community public water system to have access to the drinking water revolving loan fund. - Amends TCA Title 68. by \*Marsh.

**\*House Bill No. 162** -- Education, Higher - As introduced, updates the lottery scholarship program's list of regional accrediting associations to reflect recent changes in the identities of the associations. - Amends TCA Title 49. by \*Forgety.

**\*House Bill No. 163** -- Funeral Directors and Embalmers - As introduced, clarifies that the two members of the board of funeral directors and embalmers with a minimum of five consecutive years' experience in this state immediately preceding their appointment shall be licensed as funeral directors, embalmers, or both; and provides that if the board is inspecting a crematory facility in conjunction with an application for initial licensure, change of ownership, or change of location, the authorized representative conducting the inspection for the board shall also be a certified crematory operator. - Amends TCA Title 62, Chapter 5, Part 2. by \*Forgety.

**House Bill No. 164** -- Teachers, Principals and School Personnel - As introduced, requires a person licensed as an apprentice occupational education teacher who is seeking to obtain a professional occupational education license to successfully complete a teacher education program of nine semester hours, unless the teacher met this requirement at the time of employment. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 11 and Title 49, Chapter 5. by \*Forgety.

**House Bill No. 165** -- Insurance, Fire and Casualty - As introduced, revises various provisions regulating insurance of property destroyed by fire. - Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 7. by \*Durham.

**House Bill No. 166** -- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies - As introduced, requires that when an application for a license to sell insurance is denied by the commissioner of commerce and insurance, the denial be governed by the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act. - Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 6. by \*White M.

**\*House Bill No. 167** -- Education - As introduced, requires the superintendent of the achievement school district to make annual financial disclosures; requires salaries of employees of the achievement school district to be included in lists of salaries of state employees. - Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 1; Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 5 and Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6. by \*Mitchell.

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**\*House Bill No. 168** -- Education - As introduced, encourages LEAs to incorporate music and art in their pre-kindergarten programs. - Amends TCA Title 49. by \*Dunn.

**\*House Bill No. 169** -- Taxes, Hotel Motel - As introduced, authorizes the City of Fayetteville, by ordinance adopted by a two-thirds vote, to levy an occupancy tax of not more than 5 percent on the privilege of staying in any hotel or motel in Fayetteville; the ordinance must set forth the manner of collection and administration of the privilege tax; requires that all proceeds received by the municipality from the tax be used for tourism development. - Amends TCA Section 67-4-1425. by \*Marsh.

**\*House Bill No. 170** -- Sentencing - As introduced, creates an enhancement factor, by which the defendant's sentence can be increased, that the defendant knowingly committed the offense within the geographical area, and during the time of, an emergency or disaster. - Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 40, Chapter 35. by \*Rogers.

**\*House Bill No. 171** -- Public Records - As introduced, authorizes all county registers of deeds, instead of the register of deeds in five counties, to redact social security numbers from recorded documents at the request of certain persons where practicable for the register. - Amends TCA Title 10, Chapter 7. by \*Rogers.

**\*House Bill No. 172** -- Lottery, Charitable - As introduced, establishes framework to allow qualified 501(c)(19) organizations to operate an annual gaming event; sets 501(c)(19) application submission deadline of April 1, 2015, for annual event period beginning on July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2016. - Amends TCA Title 3, Chapter 17 and Title 39, Chapter 17. by \*Johnson.

**House Bill No. 173** -- Firearms and Ammunition - As introduced, removes the provision making it illegal to possess a firearm on any property used by a school for the administration of any public or private educational institution. - Amends TCA Section 39-17-1309. by \*Moody.

**House Bill No. 174** -- Juvenile Offenders - As introduced, authorizes the director of schools to expel or remand a student to an alternative school upon the issuance of a criminal complaint charging a student with a felony or upon the issuance of a felony delinquency complaint against the student; mandates the director of schools to expel a student upon the conviction of a felony or an admission of guilt to that felony delinquency against the student; establishes the notice, hearing, and appeal requirements for students expelled or remanded to an alternative school. - Amends TCA Title 37 and Title 49, Chapter 6. by \*Butt.

**\*House Bill No. 175** -- County Government - As introduced, requires a judge or chancellor in Dickson and Cheatham counties to dismiss any salary petition filed by a county official if the judge or chancellor determines that the county official and the deputy, deputies, and assistants in that office are able to properly and efficiently conduct the affairs and transact the business of the office within the budget presently established by the county legislative body for that office. - Amends TCA Section 8-20-101. by \*Littleton.

**\*House Bill No. 176** -- Law Enforcement - As introduced, clarifies that an officer's designated beneficiary shall receive a cash salary supplement for annual training despite the officer's failure to complete the required in-service training, if the failure is due to the death of the officer in the line of duty. - Amends TCA Title 38, Chapter 8. by \*Littleton.

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**\*House Bill No. 177** -- Planning, Public - As introduced, creates new methods of guaranteeing infrastructure improvements before final subdivision plat approval by regional or municipal planning commissions; eliminates criminal penalty for transferring land before subdivision plat approval and before recording plat with county register. - Amends TCA Section 13-3-403; Section 13-3-410; Section 13-4-303 and Section 13-4-306. by \*Lynn.

**House Bill No. 178** -- Workers Compensation - As introduced, includes as information open for public inspection the workers' compensation policy cancellation date and the policy reinstatement date. - Amends TCA Title 50, Chapter 6, Part 4. by \*Lynn.

**House Bill No. 179** -- Motor Vehicles - As introduced, increases the fines for failure to use safety belts; designates a portion of the revenue from the fines to the division of vocational rehabilitation and a portion to the state general fund. - Amends TCA Section 55-9-603. by \*Matlock.

**House Bill No. 180** -- Highways, Roads and Bridges - As introduced, increases the number of days the owner of a utility facility located in a right-of-way of a state highway has to respond to a second relocation notice from 10 days to 30 days; increases an owner's filing deadline from 10 days to 30 days. - Amends TCA Title 54. by \*Matlock.

**House Bill No. 181** -- Highways, Roads and Bridges - As introduced, extends a municipality's reporting deadline to the general assembly under a pilot program for the use of golf carts on certain public roads from February 1 to March 15. - Amends TCA Title 55. by \*Matlock.

**House Bill No. 182** -- Traffic Safety - As introduced, deletes obsolete ignition interlock program development fee. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67. by \*Matlock.

**\*House Bill No. 183** -- Veterans - As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment and Recovery Act." - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 58 and Title 68, Chapter 55. by \*Swann.

**\*House Bill No. 184** -- Consumer Protection - As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Truth in Caller ID Act." - Amends TCA Title 29; Title 39, Chapter 17; Title 47, Chapter 18 and Title 65, Chapter 4, Part 4. by \*Swann.

**\*House Bill No. 185** -- Personal Property - As introduced, prohibits the state or any political subdivision from adopting or implementing any policy recommendation that intentionally or inadvertently infringes upon or restricts private property rights without due process of law; repeals any law in conflict with the Act and prohibits contracts that are in conflict with the Act from being entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of the Act. - Amends TCA Title 12, Chapter 1, Part 2 and Title 66. by \*Butt.

**\*House Bill No. 186** -- Taxes, Alcoholic Beverages - As introduced, extends certain alternative distribution provisions concerning liquor-by-the-drink tax proceeds to local governments. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 49; Title 57 and Title 67. by \*Alexander.

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**\*House Bill No. 187** -- Local Government, General - As introduced, adds all county, municipal, and metropolitan governments to the list of entities required to establish internal controls to ensure compliance with applicable law, prevent waste, and ensure operations are properly recorded. - Amends TCA Section 9-18-102. by \*Hawk.

**\*House Bill No. 188** -- Comptroller, State - As introduced, alters the penalty imposed on a municipality for violating the Municipal Finance Officer Certification and Education Act from \$50.00 per day to a sales tax revenue reduction in an amount not to exceed 15 percent of the total amount due to the municipality in a fiscal year. - Amends TCA Section 6-56-407. by \*Carter.

**\*House Bill No. 189** -- Public Funds and Financing - As introduced, requires local governments that are subject to comptroller audit and handle public funds to close their accounting records and make them available for audit no later than two months after the close of their fiscal year. - Amends TCA Section 9-2-102. by \*Ramsey.

**\*House Bill No. 190** -- Fire Prevention and Investigation - As introduced, requires volunteer fire departments receiving public funds to file an annual financial report with the state comptroller and the local governments from which they receive funding. - Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 102, Part 3. by \*McManus.

**\*House Bill No. 191** -- Taxes, Ad Valorem - As introduced, requires that notification of proposed changes in individual property classifications or assessments to be made by either the state board of equalization or the assessment appeals commission on its own accord be given by September 1 of the year following the year for which the notice is given. - Amends TCA Section 67-5-1510. by \*McManus.

**\*House Bill No. 192** -- Public Funds and Financing - As introduced, authorizes workhouse superintendent to utilize electronic means to account for workhouse supplies; clarifies other provisions pertaining to public finance. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 12; Title 13; Title 41; Title 42; Title 49; Title 64; Title 68 and Title 69. by \*Johnson.

**\*House Bill No. 193** -- Comptroller, State - As introduced, requires state agencies to notify the comptroller of the treasury of any breach of a computer information system or unauthorized acquisition of computerized data that compromises the security, confidentiality, or integrity of the computer information system. - Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 4, Part 1. by \*Wilburn.

**\*House Bill No. 194** -- State Employees - As introduced, authorizes secretary of state, comptroller of the treasury, and state treasurer to establish job performance evaluation systems; exempts any such employee performance evaluation from public record. - Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 3; Title 8, Chapter 4; Title 8, Chapter 5 and Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5. by \*Dunn.

**\*House Bill No. 195** -- Utilities, Utility Districts - As introduced, defines genuine signatures for purposes of initiating a customer petition of utility district rates; modifies hearing procedures; makes the comptroller or the comptroller's designee the chair of the utility management review board; and revises other various provisions of law governing utility districts. - Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 82. by \*Marsh.

**\*House Bill No. 196** -- Elder Abuse - As introduced, requires that a fine be imposed on a person convicted of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult if the victim was over 60 years of age; requires that the fines be appropriated by the general assembly to fund services and programs for senior citizens. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13; Title 71, Chapter 2 and Title 71, Chapter 6, Part 1. by \*Gilmore.

**\*House Bill No. 197** -- Controlled Substances - As introduced, redefines "marijuana" to exempt low-THC cannabis oil obtained in another state; creates a Class C misdemeanor offense of possession of unlabeled low-THC cannabis oil without proof it was obtained legally. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4 and Title 43, Chapter 26. by \*Faison, \*Parkinson, \*Carter.

**\*House Bill No. 198** -- Driver Licenses - As introduced, increases the duration of driver licenses from five to eight years and changes the fees for driver licenses and photo identification licenses. - Amends TCA Title 55. by \*Goins.

**\*House Bill No. 199** -- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies - As introduced, defines funeral merchandise for prearrangement insurance policies. - Amends TCA Title 46 and Title 62, Chapter 5. by \*Lamberth.

**\*House Bill No. 200** -- Statutes of Limitations and Repose - As introduced, tolls the statute of limitations for civil actions if there is a criminal prosecution resulting from the same acts or conduct; establishes a 10-year statute of repose for actions tolled under this act; permits filing for up to one year after the criminal case is ended or whatever time remains in the applicable statute of limitations. - Amends TCA Title 28, Chapter 3. by \*Lamberth.

**\*House Bill No. 201** -- Budget Procedures - As introduced, prohibits transfers from the motorcycle rider safety fund to the general fund in fiscal years beginning July 1, 2014, and thereafter. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 10 and Title 55, Chapter 51, Part 1. by \*Keisling.

**House Bill No. 202** -- Firearms and Ammunition - As introduced, extends liability for civil damages to public and private employers who take an adverse employment action against an employee who lawfully transports and stores a firearm in a motor vehicle. - Amends TCA Section 39-17-1313. by \*Keisling.

**\*House Bill No. 203** -- Criminal Procedure - As introduced, permits a court to order a qualified defendant to serve up to 11 months, 29 days in confinement as a reasonable condition of judicial diversion; permits the court to order such sentence be served by split confinement or periodic confinement. - Amends TCA Title 40. by \*Durham.

**\*House Bill No. 204** -- Education - As introduced, allows the department of education to post its annual report on its web site in lieu of distributing the report to certain persons and entities. - Amends TCA Title 49. by \*Brooks H.

**\*House Bill No. 205** -- Education, Higher - As introduced, eliminates an unused definition from the lottery scholarship provisions. - Amends TCA Title 49. by \*Brooks H.

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**\*House Bill No. 206** -- Firearms and Ammunition - As introduced, adds certain exceptions to the definitions of "explosive weapon" and "restricted firearm ammunition" to permit possession or use of blank ammunition and certain practice rounds; creates a new affirmative defense to prosecution of prohibited weapons if possessed in accordance with certain federal laws or regulated by the ATF. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13. by \*Rogers.

**House Bill No. 207** -- Highways, Roads and Bridges - As introduced, requires a county or municipality to publish the official map of future plans for streets and highways on the county or municipality's web site at least 30 days prior to the legislative body's public hearing. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67. by \*Rogers.

**House Bill No. 208** -- Transportation, Dept. of - As introduced, specifies that the department's quarterly report on highway road projects be submitted to the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house, and the chairs of the transportation committees instead of submitted to the general assembly. - Amends TCA Title 54. by \*Rogers.

**\*House Bill No. 209** -- Common Carriers - As introduced, under certain circumstances, permits operators of commercial freight vehicles to park on the shoulder of entrance ramps on any highway for a temporary period. - Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 8 and Title 55, Chapter 9. by \*Keisling.

**House Bill No. 210** -- School Vouchers - As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Choice and Opportunity Scholarship Act." - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1. by \*Brooks H, \*White M, \*Holt, \*Dunn, \*DeBerry.

**\*House Bill No. 211** -- Physicians and Surgeons - As introduced, deletes utilization review by insurance companies as an intended purpose from the information excluded from a requirement that the transfer of patient information outside the state generally constitutes the practice of medicine or osteopathy. - Amends TCA Title 63. by \*Kumar.

**House Bill No. 212** -- State Government - As introduced, designates November as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month." - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 1. by \*Spivey.

**\*House Bill No. 213** -- Taxes, Excise - As introduced, increases weight given to the sales factor under the statutory apportionment formula used to calculate net worth for franchise taxes and net earnings for excise taxes; revises other related provisions. - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 20 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 21. by \*McCormick.

**\*House Bill No. 214** -- Taxes, Ad Valorem - As introduced, for unoccupied property that is not vacant and abandoned, changes the right of redemption period from one year to the period of time for which the city or county property taxes on the property are delinquent; for property that is vacant and abandoned, changes the redemption period to 30 days from entry of the order confirming the sale. - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 5. by \*McCormick.

**\*House Bill No. 215** -- Legislative Administration, Office of - As introduced, prohibits the transfer of postage, printing, and office supply funds between members of the general assembly; limits a member's account balance of funds allotted for postage, printing, and office supply expenses to the total cumulative amount the member receives in the preceding five years. - Amends TCA Title 3, Chapter 1, Part 1. by \*Daniel.

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**\*House Bill No. 216** -- Administrative Procedure (UAPA) - As introduced, requires, instead of authorizes, the government operations committees to review every rule promulgated pursuant to the UAPA; decreases, from 25 to 10, the number of persons that must petition an agency to compel a public hearing on a proposed rule; requires the committees to consider the effect of a rule on small business and the arbitrariness and capriciousness of a rule. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 5, Part 2. by \*Daniel.

**\*House Bill No. 217** -- Criminal Offenses - As introduced, deletes the requirement of intent to cause bodily injury from aggravated assault involving strangulation or attempted strangulation; alters the definition of strangulation to include recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation, regardless of whether the conduct results in visible injury or whether the person has intent to kill or protractedly injure the victim. - Amends TCA Section 39-13-102. by \*Jones.

**\*House Bill No. 218** -- Child Custody and Support - As introduced, prohibits the court from awarding any form of custody to a parent who is charged with or indicted for aggravated child abuse, sexual abuse of a child, or severe child sexual abuse while the charge or indictment is still pending. - Amends TCA Title 36, Chapter 6, Part 1. by \*Jones.

**\*House Bill No. 219** -- Children's Services, Dept. of - As introduced, requires that all services, not just the focus of the services, that are provided by the department shall further the best interest of the child. - Amends TCA Title 37. by \*Jones.

**\*House Bill No. 220** -- Claims Commission, Tennessee - As introduced, requires the party requesting a claim be transferred from the small claims docket to the regular claims docket to provide notice of the request to the commission which shall immediately notify any other party to the claim. - Amends TCA Title 9; Title 29 and Title 37. by \*Jones.

**\*House Bill No. 221** -- Mental Illness - As introduced, adds aggravated rape, sexual battery, and aggravated sexual battery to the crimes for which a defendant shall be evaluated by a mental health professional upon being admitted to a penal facility and prior to being released from a penal facility. - Amends TCA Title 33; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 41. by \*Jones.

**\*House Bill No. 222** -- Evidence - As introduced, declares that communications made between certain emergency personnel and designated peer support group counselors are privileged, and such counselors shall not be compelled to testify in a proceeding without consent of the personnel making the communication. - Amends TCA Title 24, Chapter 1, Part 2. by \*Jones.

**\*House Bill No. 223** -- Motor Vehicle Commission - As introduced, authorizes commission to suspend or revoke license of any used car dealer who locates within a mile of another used car dealer after July 1, 2015; makes this provision applicable if used car dealer leases or transfers ownership of business. - Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 17, Part 1. by \*Jones.

**\*House Bill No. 224** -- Boards and Commissions - As introduced, adds a member to the great war commission to be appointed by the governor from a list of persons submitted by the Fentress County historical society to honor Sergeant Alvin C. York. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 11, Part 4. by \*Keisling.

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**House Bill No. 225** -- Tobacco, Tobacco Products - As introduced, redefines "cost of doing business by the retailer" from eight percent of basic costs of cigarettes to retailer to 15 percent of basic costs of cigarettes to retailer. - Amends TCA Title 47, Chapter 25, Part 3. by \*Marsh.

**\*House Bill No. 226** -- Salaries and Benefits - As introduced, clarifies that the Prevailing Wage Act applies only to state highway construction projects and does not apply to private roads. - Amends TCA Title 12, Chapter 4. by \*Doss.

**\*House Bill No. 227** -- Juvenile Offenders - As introduced, requires, instead of authorizes, a judge to transfer a child to adult court for latest conduct, if the child engages in conduct that would constitute an offense for which the child may be transferred to adult court or a criminal gang offense and the child has a prior adjudication of delinquency for conduct that would constitute a transfer offense or a criminal gang offense. - Amends TCA Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1. by \*Butt.

**\*House Bill No. 228** -- Naming and Designating - As introduced, designates the welcome center at Johnsonville state historic park in honor of former state representative John C. Tidwell. by \*Shepard, \*Windle, \*Gilmore, \*Clemmons, \*Shaw, \*Pitts, \*Dunlap, \*Camper, \*Akbari, \*Mitchell, \*Fitzhugh, \*Jernigan, \*Favors, \*Jones, \*Parkinson, \*Love, \*Turner, \*Miller, \*Beck.

**\*House Bill No. 229** -- Pharmacy, Pharmacists - As introduced, authorizes pharmacies to participate in pharmacy drug disposal programs. - Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 10. by \*Shepard, \*Windle, \*Love, \*Pitts.

**\*House Bill No. 230** -- Criminal Procedure - As introduced, requires a person who commits theft or robbery within or on the premises of a licensed pharmacy for the purpose of obtaining, selling, delivering, giving, or exchanging a controlled substance to serve at least the minimum sentence for the offender's appropriate range of sentence and be subject to increased fines. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 4; Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 1; Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4; Title 40, Chapter 35 and Title 41. by \*Shepard, \*Windle, \*Love, \*Pitts.

**\*House Bill No. 231** -- TennCare - As introduced, requires the bureau of TennCare to report annually an accounting of the amount paid to MCOs under the CHOICES program in the prior fiscal year and the amount paid by MCOs for long-term care services in that same fiscal year. - Amends TCA Title 71. by \*Shepard, \*Love, \*Pitts.

**\*House Bill No. 232** -- Hotels and Restaurants - As introduced, clarifies that a person who offers a short-term rental to a transient must pay all applicable hotel taxes and obtain and display a business license. - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 14. by \*Carr .

**\*House Bill No. 233** -- Taxes, Sales - As introduced, allows dealers, when reporting and remitting sales taxes to the department of revenue, to retain a certain portion of such taxes in order to compensate for costs incurred in accounting for and remitting such taxes; establishes certain maximum limitations for certain dealers. - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 5. by \*Hawk.

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**House Bill No. 234** -- Recreational Areas - As introduced, specifies that climbing walls are not considered "amusement devices" and are not subject to regulation by the department of labor and workforce development. - Amends TCA Title 56 and Title 68. by \*McCormick, \*Terry.

**\*House Bill No. 235** -- Insurance, Health, Accident - As introduced, removes obsolete cross-references to two repealed sections of code. - Amends TCA Title 56. by \*Windle.

**\*House Bill No. 236** -- Inheritance Laws - As introduced, enacts the "Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act." - Amends TCA Title 31; Title 32 and Title 66. by \*Windle.

**\*House Bill No. 237** -- Conservation - As introduced, enacts the "Property Assessed Clean Energy Act." - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 5; Title 5; Title 6 and Title 68. by \*Dunn.

**\*House Bill No. 238** -- School Transportation - As introduced, extends the allowable number of years for a specially equipped school bus to be in service to 15 years; applies to school buses manufactured on or after July 1, 2005. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 10, Part 1; Title 49, Chapter 10, Part 7 and Section 49-6-2109. by \*Dunn.

**House Bill No. 239** -- Taxes, Exemption and Credits - As introduced, creates a Second Amendment sales tax holiday for the first weekend of September of each year; exempts firearms, ammunition, and hunting supplies. - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6. by \*Keisling.

**House Bill No. 240** -- Firearms and Ammunition - As introduced, allows a gun dealer to complete a firearms transaction with a handgun carry permit holder without requiring a criminal history record check, if the permit was issued or renewed within five years of the date of transaction. - Amends TCA Title 39. by \*Reedy.

**\*House Bill No. 241** -- Public Defenders - As introduced, deletes the provision whereby a local government is required to provide to attorneys representing indigent criminal defendants 75 percent of the local funding it provides to the district attorney general. - Amends TCA Title 8; Title 16; Title 39 and Title 40. by \*Todd.

**House Bill No. 242** -- Pensions and Retirement Benefits - As introduced, includes commissioned park rangers within the mandatory retirement age category for purposes of the Tennessee consolidated retirement system; allows them eligibility for the supplemental bridge retirement benefit afforded to other commissioned law enforcement employees. - Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 36, Part 2. by \*Powers.

**\*House Bill No. 243** -- Education, Higher - As introduced, requires all public postsecondary institutions to close on November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1. by \*Powers.

**House Bill No. 244** -- Taxes, Sales - As introduced, excludes a community foundation holding one auction sale per county receiving charitable support from the definition of "business" for sales and use tax purposes, under certain circumstances. - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6. by \*Powers.

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**\*House Bill No. 245** -- Pest Control - As introduced, implements commercial pesticide applicator recertification fee. - Amends TCA Section 43-1-703. by \*Keisling.

**House Bill No. 246** -- Tort Liability and Reform - As introduced, extends liability protections to landowners who have activities involving sporting clays, shooting sports, and target shooting, including archery and shooting range activities, occurring on the landowner's property. - Amends TCA Title 70, Chapter 7, Part 1. by \*Farmer.

**\*House Bill No. 247** -- Alcoholic Beverages - As introduced, redefines the premises for Dancing Bear Lodge in Townsend for the purpose of serving and selling alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises. - Amends TCA Section 57-4-102(26). by \*Farmer.

**House Bill No. 248** -- Real Estate Agents and Brokers - As introduced, requires the real estate commission to approve any continuing education course that is at least one hour long if it meets all requirements that are not related to course length; supersedes current rule that requires courses be at least two hours long. - Amends TCA Title 62, Chapter 13. by \*Farmer.

**House Bill No. 249** -- Pensions and Retirement Benefits - As introduced, requires counties and cities, other than TCRS participants, to recognize a qualified domestic relations order that directs the county or city to allocate a portion of the member's pension or retirement benefits to the member's former spouse as part of a marital property settlement. - Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8, Chapter 35 and Section 26-2-105. by \*Farmer.

**\*House Bill No. 250** -- Local Government, General - As introduced, permits an individual who is not an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces to serve as a veterans' service officer, subject to the approval of the local legislative body. - Amends TCA Title 58, Chapter 3. by \*Hawk.

**\*House Bill No. 251** -- County Government - As introduced, authorizes the sale of hot mix asphalt, produced in a facility operated by any county, to municipalities located within the county and to any other county departments or entities located within the county. - Amends TCA Section 12-8-101. by \*Hawk.

**House Bill No. 252** -- Holidays and Days of Special Observance - As introduced, designates the first Saturday of December each year as "The Day to Remember the Battle of Sugar Creek." - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 1. by \*Doss.

**House Bill No. 253** -- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies - As introduced, broadens the definition of a covered building for purposes of sinkhole insurance coverage to include the residential structure and the contents of the personal property contained within the structure. - Amends TCA Section 56-7-130. by \*Travis.

**\*House Bill No. 254** -- Motor Vehicles - As introduced, increases the license fee for automobile clubs or associations; deletes the license requirement for agents of automobile clubs or associations. - Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 18. by \*Travis.

**\*House Bill No. 255** -- Nuisances - As introduced, prohibits a court from imposing a temporary injunction restraining a nuisance prior to a hearing when the defendant is the owner

of the property and not the person keeping, maintaining, or carrying on the nuisance; permits a court to dismiss or continue a nuisance action if the property owner has taken steps to abate the nuisance after receiving notice. - Amends TCA Title 29, Chapter 3. by \*Shaw.

**\*House Bill No. 256** -- Utilities, Utility Districts - As introduced, alters the method of creating a utility district by requiring county legislative approval of the order finding that the utility district is economically sound and desirable. - Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 34, Part 1; Title 7, Chapter 82; Title 9, Chapter 21, Part 3 and Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 10. by \*Calfee.

**\*House Bill No. 257** -- Utilities, Utility Districts - As introduced, removes language that allows municipal utility systems to operate water and sewer systems as individual or combined entities, and removes language that allows municipal utility systems to operate a public works system as a special revenue fund. - Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 34 and Title 9, Chapter 21. by \*Sexton C.

**\*House Bill No. 258** -- Law Enforcement - As introduced, eliminates the requirement that a governing body of a law enforcement agency responsible for an investigation and arrest resulting in a drug conviction must provide a report to the comptroller regarding funds collected and paid and money spent on drug education and treatment. - Amends TCA Section 39-17-451. by \*Byrd.

**\*House Bill No. 259** -- Taxes, Ad Valorem - As introduced, establishes the date of October 1 by which tax increment agencies must file a statement of tax increment revenue allocations, which statement is required annually by present law; specifies that the statement and other filings required by the Uniformity in Tax Increment Financing Act are the only filings required of tax increment agencies subject to the Act. - Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 53; Title 9, Chapter 23 and Title 13, Chapter 20. by \*Reedy.

**\*House Bill No. 260** -- Purchasing and Procurement - As introduced, requires the department of education to purchase technology, Internet, Internet connectivity, or e-learning services pursuant to a competitive purchasing process prescribed by an RFP. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 3. by \*Coley.

**\*House Bill No. 261** -- Purchasing and Procurement - As introduced, increases time the fiscal review committee may comment on noncompetitive contracts from 40 business days to 45 business days. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 56; Title 12; Title 41, Chapter 22 and Title 49, Chapter 3. by \*White M.

**\*House Bill No. 262** -- Comptroller, State - As introduced, makes confidential all examinations administered by the division of property assessments, including, but not limited to, the bank of questions used to develop the tests, the answers, and the answer sheets of individual test takers. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 19; Title 10, Chapter 7 and Title 67, Chapter 1, Part 5. by \*Gravitt.

**\*House Bill No. 263** -- Taxes, Ad Valorem - As introduced, clarifies that evidence introduced in an administrative or judicial proceeding concerning the assessment of property is

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not confidential, unless made confidential by a protective order of the judge in the proceeding. - Amends TCA Section 67-5-303. by \*Brooks K.

**\*House Bill No. 264** -- Taxes, Real Property - As introduced, deletes obsolete references to the state property tax from sections addressing county and municipal property taxes. - Amends TCA Section 67-5-102 and Section 67-5-103. by \*Smith.

**\*House Bill No. 265** -- Equalization Board - As introduced, relieves the commissioner of revenue from the duty of preparing and transmitting to the general assembly a report on the work of the board. - Amends TCA Title 67. by \*Doss.

**\*House Bill No. 266** -- Education - As introduced, requires that a student in grades 8-12 be automatically suspended if the student is adjudicated delinquent for an act that constitutes a felony if committed by an adult, and is expelled for one year if both the principal and director of schools do not agree to readmit the student. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 30 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 34. by \*Butt.

**House Bill No. 267** -- Local Education Agencies - As introduced, permits county, city, or metropolitan school boards to shift funds after the local legislative body has approved the school system's budget from one budget category to another without further approval, except for funds specifically appropriated for repair and renovation of school facilities or capital improvements. - Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 2. by \*Coley.

**House Bill No. 268** -- Evidence - As introduced, adds certain offenses to the list of crimes eligible for the interception of communications for evidence. - Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 6, Part 3. by \*Coley.

**\*House Bill No. 269** -- Statutes of Limitations and Repose - As introduced, extends the period of limitation of prosecution for certain sexual offenses committed against a child to 25 years from the date the child becomes 18 years of age. - Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 2. by \*Coley.

**House Bill No. 270** -- Criminal Offenses - As introduced, requires a law enforcement officer to provide a minor suspected of prostitution with the telephone number of the Tennessee human trafficking resource center hotline instead of the number to the national hotline. - Amends TCA Title 39. by \*Coley.

**\*House Bill No. 271** -- Corporations, For Profit - As introduced, allows corporations to require a sworn affidavit from a shareholder who seeks to inspect or copy the record of shareholders; excludes the affidavit requirement from shareholders of corporations with existing charters providing otherwise unless a charter amendment is filed to remove the inconsistency. - Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 48. by \*Goins.

**\*House Bill No. 272** -- Corporations, For Profit - As introduced, limits inspection of the record of shareholders to certain shareholders; excludes from this limitation shareholders of corporations with existing charters providing otherwise unless a charter amendment is filed to remove the inconsistency. - Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 48. by \*Goins.

**\*House Bill No. 273** -- Economic and Community Development - As introduced, authorizes chambers of commerce and joint economic community development boards in

certain rural counties to submit an application to the commissioner of economic and community development for FastTrack job training assistance funds on behalf of a pool of employers who, in total, employ at least 25 persons. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 12 and Title 67. by \*Goins, \*Williams.

**House Bill No. 274** -- Firearms and Ammunition - As introduced, removes the authority of local governments to prohibit by resolution the possession of handguns in parks or recreational areas owned or operated by the local government; exempts persons who are authorized to carry handguns from the offense of carrying or possessing weapons in parks and recreational areas. - Amends TCA Section 39-17-1311. by \*Goins.

**House Bill No. 275** -- Tennessee Bureau of Investigation - As introduced, authorizes the TBI to employ, effective July 1, 2015, four additional special agents for the purpose of training other officers, investigating and assisting in the prosecution of human trafficking cases; directs TBI to develop and provide a course of instruction to other officers and departments in the recognition, detection, and prosecution of human trafficking cases. - Amends TCA Title 38, Chapter 6. by \*Sargent, \*Harwell, \*Matlock, \*Haynes, \*Kane, \*Brooks K, \*Casada, \*Sexton C, \*Lamberth, \*Harrison.

**House Bill No. 276** -- Alcoholic Beverages - As introduced, deletes the requirement that establishments holding a license for consumption of alcoholic beverages on premises pay wholesalers of alcoholic beverages upon delivery of the product. - Amends TCA Section 57-4-203. by \*Farmer, \*McDaniel, \*Carr, \*Lamberth, \*Lundberg, \*Lynn, \*Powell, \*Jernigan, \*Shaw.

**House Bill No. 277** -- School Districts, Special - As introduced, revises the property tax rate for the Trenton special school district. - Amends Chapter 144 of the Private Acts of 1975; as amended. by \*Halford.

**\*House Bill No. 278** -- Schools, Charter - As introduced, requires the department of education to adopt and publish, by August 1, 2015, uniform guidelines to be used by an LEA in which a charter school operates in submitting the LEA's annual report listing underutilized and vacant properties. - Amends TCA Title 49. by \*White M.

**House Bill No. 279** -- Planning, Public - As introduced, authorizes change in board appointments from not less than five to not less than seven and authorizes increase, from four years to six years, the term length of board appointments under provisions of the Community Redevelopment Act of 1998 applicable to Shelby County; allows, in Shelby County, any agency created under the Act to have powers of a housing authority, including tax increment financing. - Amends Chapter 987 of the Public Acts of 1998; Chapter 50 of the Public Acts of 2007 and Chapter 605 of the Public Acts of 2012. by \*White M.

**House Bill No. 280** -- Special License Plates - As introduced, authorizes the issuance of a new specialty earmarked license plate for the Germantown Charity Horse Show; funds to be allocated to the Germantown Charity Horse Show. - Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 4. by \*White M.

**\*House Bill No. 281** -- Transportation, Dept. of - As introduced, adds economists and analysts to the list of individuals the commissioner of transportation is authorized to employ in order to enable the department to fully perform its duties. - Amends TCA Title 7; Title 9, Chapter 4; Title 65 and Title 67. by \*Weaver.

**House Bill No. 282** -- Attorney General and Reporter - As introduced, confers upon the attorney general and reporter concurrent jurisdiction and authority to investigate and initiate criminal prosecutions in cases involving corruption of a public official and misuse of office by a public official; defines public official as someone holding an elected office in any branch of state government or a political subdivision. - Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 6, Part 1. by \*Carter.

**\*House Bill No. 283** -- Alcoholic Beverages - As introduced, extends the Tennessee River resort district boundary from three miles of the nearest bank of the Tennessee River to seven miles of the nearest bank of the Tennessee River. - Amends TCA Title 57, Chapter 4, Part 1. by \*Reedy.

**House Bill No. 284** -- Forfeiture of Assets - As introduced, specifies that the agency employing a law enforcement officer who dismantles or damages a motor vehicle during the course of a search under the civil forfeiture law is responsible for restoring the vehicle to its original condition at the time of the search if the driver or passengers are not charged with a criminal offense and nothing is seized, the forfeiture warrant is denied, or if the agency does not meet its burden of proof at the forfeiture hearing. - Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 33, Part 2. by \*Reedy.

**House Bill No. 285** -- Teachers, Principals and School Personnel - As introduced, updates a code section in the teacher training provisions to eliminate a predecessor name for the Tennessee independent colleges and universities association so that the code uses the current correct name. - Amends TCA Title 49. by \*Moody.

**\*House Bill No. 286** -- Secretary of State - As introduced, requires additional copies of acts to be published in electronic format on the department of state's web site; requires each house of the general assembly to make available copies of their journals by publishing them on their respective web sites. - Amends TCA Title 12, Chapter 6. by \*Moody.

**House Bill No. 287** -- Controlled Substances - As introduced, revises various provisions of law regarding the scheduling of controlled substances and their analogues and derivatives, including updated identifications of drugs categorized in Schedules I–V. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4. by \*McCormick, \*Brooks K.

**House Bill No. 288** -- Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, Dept. of - As introduced, requires personal support services agencies to designate the population they propose to serve at the time of licensure; states that mental health and developmental disability services or facilities that are in compliance with a license issued by another state agency do not need duplicate licensure. - Amends TCA Section 33-2-403. by \*McCormick, \*Brooks K.

**House Bill No. 289** -- Autopsies - As introduced, rewrites Post-Mortem Examinations Act effective January 1, 2017; requires counties to appoint a medicolegal death investigator; terminates Tennessee medical examiner advisory council. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2; Title 38, Chapter 7 and Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 11. by \*McCormick, \*Brooks K.

**House Bill No. 290** -- Agriculture, Dept. of - As introduced, reestablishes and revises the Tennessee agriculture regulatory fund; revises fee provisions and authorizes multiple fees to

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be set by rule. - Amends TCA Title 43; Title 44; Title 47; Title 53 and Title 62. by \*McCormick, \*Brooks K.

**House Bill No. 291** -- Taxes, Exemption and Credits - As introduced, requires commissioners of economic and community development and revenue to evaluate certain tax credits and report to various officials; revises, modifies, and limits various other tax credit provisions. - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 1; Title 67, Chapter 4 and Title 67, Chapter 6. by \*McCormick, \*Brooks K.

**House Bill No. 292** -- Zoning - As introduced, clarifies that agricultural lands located within an identified special flood hazard area located in a county participating in the national flood insurance program are not exempt from building permit requirements and other county zoning regulations. - Amends TCA Title 13, Chapter 7. by \*McCormick, \*Brooks K.

**\*House Bill No. 293** -- Education - As introduced, enacts the "Tom Cronan Physical Education Act." - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6. by \*Kane.

**House Bill No. 294** -- Education - As introduced, urges the department of education to include the proper use and positioning of bicycle helmets in its pilot bicycle safety curriculum. - Amends TCA Title 49. by \*Kane.

**House Bill No. 295** -- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies - As introduced, exempts certain products and services from regulation under the Tennessee Legal Insurance Act. - Amends TCA Title 56. by \*Kane.

**\*House Bill No. 296** -- Human Rights - As introduced, adds sexual orientation and gender identity or expression to the list of characteristics protected from discrimination or harassment in employment, public accommodations, housing, financing, insurance, education, in places where alcoholic beverages are consumed, real estate, public utilities, tax exemptions, the profession of healing arts, health facilities, and welfare in the state. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8; Title 12; Title 39; Title 49; Title 50; Title 56; Title 57; Title 62; Title 63; Title 65; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71. by \*Jones.

**House Bill No. 297** -- Taxes - As introduced, amends the taxpayer bill of rights by changing the current right to a 10-day notice before a levy on assets is enforced to a 14-day notice. - Amends TCA Title 67. by \*Reedy.

**\*House Bill No. 298** -- Uniform Commercial Code - As introduced, increases from 30 days to 60 days the period in which a purchase-money security interest in goods, other than inventory or livestock, must be perfected in order to maintain its priority over conflicting security interests in the same goods. - Amends TCA Title 47. by \*Coley.

**\*House Bill No. 299** -- Medical Occupations - As introduced, requires that appropriate training be provided to newly appointed members of health related boards prior to beginning their service on such boards. - Amends TCA Title 63. by \*Kumar.

**\*House Bill No. 300** -- Traffic Safety - As introduced, amends the definition of "rickshaw," for the purposes of authorizing home rule municipalities to regulate rickshaws, to

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exclude bicycles built for more than three people and motorized scooters used by disabled persons from the definition. - Amends TCA Title 55. by \*Johnson.

**\*House Bill No. 301** -- Alcoholic Beverages - As introduced, clarifies that "municipality" includes any city of more than 925 persons instead of 1,000 persons; removes provision from certificate of compliance requiring mayor to state opinion that applicant will not violate any alcoholic beverage related laws; removes obsolete provision. - Amends TCA Title 57. by \*Ramsey.

**\*House Bill No. 302** -- Redistricting, Legislative - As introduced, requires use of adjusted population data relative to incarcerated individuals for congressional, legislative, and county redistricting plans, beginning April 1, 2020. - Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 16; Title 3, Chapter 1, Part 1 and Title 5, Chapter 1, Part 1. by \*Favors.

**\*House Bill No. 303** -- Election Laws - As introduced, requires election officials to inspect filings for sufficiency and timeliness; establishes conclusive presumption that accepted filings are sufficient and timely filed. - Amends TCA Title 2. by \*Wirgau.

**\*House Bill No. 304** -- Local Government, General - As introduced, adds to the duties of a county or city attorney that the attorney consult with and advise elected officials, their deputies, and their employees as to the proper application and enforcement of federal and state laws that are pertinent to carrying out the duties of such officials' respective offices. - Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8 and Title 12. by \*Wirgau.

**\*House Bill No. 305** -- Special License Plates - As introduced, permits the issuance of "Tennessee Association of Realtors" new specialty earmarked license plates for motorcycles. - Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3 and Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2. by \*McDaniel.

**\*House Bill No. 306** -- Bail, Bail Bonds - As introduced, authorizes professional bondsmen to charge up to 15 percent rather than 10 percent of the face value of a criminal appearance bond if the defendant is not a resident of the state. - Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 11, Part 3. by \*McDaniel.

**House Bill No. 307** -- Naming and Designating - As introduced, names the National Guard Armory located in Lobelville "The Michael Braden Armory Building.". by \*McDaniel.

**\*House Bill No. 308** -- Child Custody and Support - As introduced, specifies that it is grounds for the termination of parental rights that the parent or guardian is convicted on or after July 1, 2015, of the offense of sex trafficking of children under federal law, or under the law of another state. - Amends TCA Section 36-1-113. by \*McDaniel.

**\*House Bill No. 309** -- Tobacco, Tobacco Products - As introduced, restricts persons under the age of 18 from having access to vapor products; adds requirement that store owners or managers provide training to employees on the sale of vapor products; implements child-resistant safety standards for liquid nicotine containers used in conjunction with vapor products, in accordance with federal safety standards. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 39; Title 47; Title 49; Title 62; Title 63 and Title 68. by \*McDaniel.

**\*House Bill No. 310** -- Taxes, Tobacco, Tobacco Products - As introduced, requires the commissioner of revenue to send written notice of revocation of a person's license to affix

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tobacco tax stamps at least 15 days, instead of 10 days, prior to the revocation. - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 10. by \*McDaniel.

**\*House Bill No. 311** -- Hospitals and Health Care Facilities - As introduced, requires local government officials to be notified within 10 days when a certificate of need application is filed that involves a facility in which the local government holds an ownership interest; allows local government officials to testify at any hearing conducted by the health services and development agency related to a certificate of need application. - Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 16. by \*McDaniel.

**\*House Bill No. 312** -- Alcoholic Beverages - As introduced, allows Commodore Hotel and Cafe in Perry County to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises. - Amends TCA Section 57-4-102. by \*McDaniel.

**House Bill No. 313** -- Naming and Designating - As introduced, designates the month of September as "Tennessee Archaeology Awareness Month" to encourage citizens to learn more about prehistoric and historic archaeology in Tennessee. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 4. by \*McDaniel.

**\*House Bill No. 314** -- County Government - As introduced, allows removal of overgrown vegetation and accumulated debris on owner-occupied residential property in Henderson County. - Amends TCA Title 5, Chapter 1. by \*McDaniel.

**House Bill No. 315** -- Public Records - As introduced, allows a record custodian to assess a reasonable charge for producing a record for inspection if the custodian incurs costs; requires the office of open records to establish a schedule of reasonable charges for the inspection of records. - Amends TCA Section 8-4-604 and Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5. by \*McDaniel.

**\*House Bill No. 316** -- Workers Compensation - As introduced, changes the date by which the workers' compensation division must produce its report of all the employers that failed to obtain coverage or self-insure during the previous fiscal year from December 31 to December 15. - Amends TCA Title 50. by \*McDaniel.

**\*House Bill No. 317** -- Short Term Loans and Lenders - As introduced, prohibits any short-term lender from assessing an interest rate for any short-term lending transaction that exceeds 28 percent per annum; and authorizes the commissioner of financial institutions to determine appropriate civil penalties. - Amends TCA Title 45 and Title 47. by \*Jernigan.

**\*House Bill No. 318** -- Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration - As introduced, clarifies that an applicant has five business days and not just five days from the receipt of formal notice that the applicant's application for a certificate of title has been rejected to surrender the registration and plate for a refund. - Amends TCA Title 55. by \*Dunn.

**\*House Bill No. 319** -- Forfeiture of Assets - As introduced, removes references to chancery courts in judicial forfeitures and clarifies that the burden of proof in forfeiture proceedings involving real property is preponderance of the evidence. - Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 40. by \*White M, \*Lamberth, \*Lollar, \*Todd, \*Coley.

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**\*House Bill No. 320** -- Firearms and Ammunition - As introduced, authorizes handgun carry permit holders to carry firearms in the same manner as off-duty law enforcement officers. - Amends TCA Section 39-17-1351(b). by \*Matheny.

**\*House Bill No. 321** -- Criminal Offenses - As introduced, permits a person to have their records expunged after being charged with a misdemeanor or felony that was dismissed, if the person was convicted of an offense related to the same criminal conduct or a lesser included offense but that offense was a moving or nonmoving traffic violation. - Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 32. by \*Matheny.

**\*House Bill No. 322** -- Health Care - As introduced, requires the commissioner of health to establish policies for the release of HIPAA compliant limited-use data sets. - Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1. by \*Williams.

**House Bill No. 323** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the board of parole, June 30, 2018, and requires the board to update the committee concerning the findings in the board's 2014 performance audit report. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 40, Chapter 28. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 324** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the traumatic brain injury advisory council, June 30, 2019, and clarifies that nominations from professional groups for appointment to the council are permissive. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 68, Chapter 55. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 325** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the department of correction, June 30, 2018, and requires the department to report back to the committee concerning the findings in its 2014 performance audit report. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 4, Chapter 3. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 326** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the state board of equalization, June 30, 2021. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 4, Chapter 3. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 327** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Tennessee consolidated retirement system, board of trustees, June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 8, Chapter 34, Part 3. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 328** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the board of claims, June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 9, Chapter 8, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 329** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the advisory council on teacher education and certification, June 30, 2021. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 330** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the commission on children and youth, June 30, 2020. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 37, Chapter 3, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

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**House Bill No. 331** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the perinatal advisory committee, June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 8. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 332** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, terminates the renal disease advisory committee, with no subsequent wind-down year. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 68, Chapter 35. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 333** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Tennessee council for the deaf, deaf-blind, and hard of hearing, June 30, 2020. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 71, Chapter 4, Part 21. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 334** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Tennessee health information committee, June 30, 2017, and clarifies that nominations from professional groups for appointment to the committee are permissive. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 56, Chapter 2, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 335** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, terminates the medical care and cost containment committee, with no subsequent wind-down year. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 50, Chapter 6, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 336** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, terminates the advisory committee on women's health, with no subsequent wind-down year. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 18. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 337** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the advisory council for education of students with disabilities, June 30, 2020. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 49, Chapter 10, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 338** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the board for professional counselors, marital and family therapists, and clinical pastoral therapists, June 30, 2019, and clarifies that nominations from professional groups for appointment to the board are permissive. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 63, Chapter 22. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 339** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the board of alcohol and drug abuse counselors, June 30, 2019, and clarifies that nominations from professional groups for appointment to the board are permissive. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 68, Chapter 24, Part 6. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 340** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the board of dispensing opticians, June 30, 2021, and clarifies that nominations from professional groups for appointment to the board are permissive. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 63, Chapter 14. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 341** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the board of osteopathic examination, June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 63, Chapter 9. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

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**House Bill No. 342** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the board of trustees of the baccalaureate education system trust fund program, June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 8. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 343** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, terminates the higher education and technical institutions publication committee, with no subsequent wind-down year. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 12, Chapter 7, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 344** -- Administrative Procedure (UAPA) - As introduced, continues permanent rules filed with the secretary of state after January 1, 2014; schedules board of optometry rule to expire on the effective date of the Act. - Amends Title 4, Chapter 5. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 345** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Tennessee state veterans' homes board, June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 58, Chapter 7. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 346** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the air pollution control board, June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 68, Chapter 201, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 347** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the beef promotion board, June 30, 2021; deletes requirement that board vacancies must be filled from persons nominated by organizations represented on the board. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 43, Chapter 29, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 348** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the board of boiler rules, June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 68, Chapter 122. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 349** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the board of ground water management, June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 69, Chapter 10. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 350** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the bureau of TennCare, June 30, 2019, and requires the bureau to report back to the committee concerning the findings in its 2014 performance audit report. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2; Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 10 and Title 71. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 351** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the commission on firefighting personnel standards and education, June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 24, Part 1 and Title 4, Chapter 29. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 352** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the elevator and amusement device safety board, June 30, 2016. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 68, Chapter 121, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 353** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, terminates the hemophilia advisory committee, with no subsequent wind-down year. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 68, Chapter 41, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 354** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the consumer advocate division in the office of the attorney general and reporter, June 30, 2017. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 65, Chapter 4, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 355** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Delta human resource agency, June 30, 2021, and requires representatives of the agency to report back to the committee concerning the findings in its 2014 performance audit report. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 13, Chapter 26. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 356** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the East Tennessee human resource agency, June 30, 2021, and requires representatives of the agency to report back to the committee concerning the findings in its 2014 performance audit report. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 13, Chapter 26. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 357** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the first Tennessee human resource agency, June 30, 2021, and requires representatives of the agency to report back to the committee concerning the findings in its 2014 performance audit report. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 13, Chapter 26. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 358** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the pork promotion board, June 30, 2021, and clarifies that nominations from professional groups for appointment to the board are permissive. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 43, Chapter 29, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 359** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Tennessee dairy promotion committee, June 30, 2021, and clarifies that nominations from professional groups for appointment to the committee are permissive. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 44, Chapter 19, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 360** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the rail service authorities, June 30, 2017, and requires the authorities to report back to the committee on the status of pending litigation related to the state's short line equity fund. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 7, Chapter 56, Part 2. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 361** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the South Central Tennessee railroad authority, June 30, 2017. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 64, Chapter 2, Part 2. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 362** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the tri-county railroad authority, June 30, 2017. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 64, Chapter 2, Part 3. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 363** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the department of commerce and insurance, June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 4, Chapter 3. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 364** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the department of education, June 30, 2019, and requires the department to report back to the committee

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concerning the findings in its 2014 performance audit report. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 4, Chapter 3. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 365** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the department of environment and conservation, June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 4, Chapter 3. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 366** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the department of health, June 30, 2019, and requires the department to report back to the committee concerning the findings in its 2014 performance audit report. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 4, Chapter 3. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 367** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the department of labor and workforce development, June 30, 2019, and requires the department to report back to the committee concerning the findings in its 2013 performance audit report. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 4, Chapter 3. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 368** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the information systems council, June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 55. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 369** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Mid-Cumberland human resource agency, June 30, 2021, and requires representatives of the agency to report back to the committee concerning the findings in its 2014 performance audit report. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 13, Chapter 26. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 370** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Northwest Tennessee human resource agency, June 30, 2021, and requires representatives of the agency to report back to the committee concerning the findings in its 2014 performance audit report. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 13, Chapter 26. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 371** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the South Central Tennessee human resource agency, June 30, 2021, and requires representatives of the agency to report back to the committee concerning the findings in its 2014 performance audit report. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 13, Chapter 26. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 372** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Southeast Tennessee human resource agency, June 30, 2021, and requires representatives of the agency to report back to the committee concerning the findings in its 2014 performance audit report. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 13, Chapter 26. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 373** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Southwest Tennessee human resource agency, June 30, 2021, and requires representatives of the agency to report back to the committee concerning the findings in its 2014 performance audit report. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 13, Chapter 26. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 374** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Upper Cumberland human resource agency, June 30, 2021, and requires representatives of the agency to report back to the committee concerning the findings in its 2014 performance audit report. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 13, Chapter 26. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 375** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the egg promotion board, June 30, 2021, and clarifies that nominations from professional groups for appointment to the board are permissive. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 43, Chapter 29. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 376** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the James K. Polk memorial association, June 30, 2021. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 13, Part 2 and Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 377** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the medical advisory committee, June 30, 2018. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 50, Chapter 6, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 378** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the medical payment committee, June 30, 2018. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 50, Chapter 6, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 379** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the occupational safety and health review commission, June 30, 2021. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 50, Chapter 3, Part 8. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 380** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the office of business enterprise, June 30, 2020. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 26 and Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 381** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the prevailing wage commission, June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 12, Chapter 4, Part 4. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 382** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the state board of education, June 30, 2019, and requires the board to report back to the committee concerning the findings in its 2014 performance audit report. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 383** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the state unemployment compensation advisory council, June 30, 2018. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 50, Chapter 7, Part 6. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 384** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Tennessee aeronautics commission, June 30, 2021. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 42, Chapter 2, Part 3. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 385** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Tennessee peace officers standards and training commission, June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

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**House Bill No. 386** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Tennessee claims commission, June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 9, Chapter 8, Part 3. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 387** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Tennessee economic council on women, June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 4, Chapter 50. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 388** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Tennessee soybean promotion board, June 30, 2021, and clarifies that nominations from professional groups for appointment to the board are permissive. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 43, Chapter 20, Part 1. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 389** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the utility management review board, June 30, 2020. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 7, Chapter 82, Part 7. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 390** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the West Fork Drakes Creek dam and reservoir interstate authority, June 30, 2020. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 64, Chapter 1, Part 9. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**\*House Bill No. 391** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the industrial development division, building finance committee, June 30, 2015. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 14, Part 1 and Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 392** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the Tennessee athletic commission, June 30, 2015. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 68, Chapter 115. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**House Bill No. 393** -- Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends the emergency communications board, June 30, 2015. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 7, Chapter 86, Part 3. by \*Faison, \*Ragan.

**\*House Bill No. 394** -- Business Organizations - As introduced, allows a business entity to list an address as its registered address even if the registered address is not a place of business for the business entity. - Amends TCA Title 48 and Title 61. by \*Goins.

**\*House Bill No. 395** -- Motor Vehicles - As introduced, exempts driver or passenger who is 18 years of age or older from wearing a helmet while riding a motorcycle in a funeral procession, memorial ride, or body escort detail. - Amends TCA Section 55-9-302. by \*Goins, \*Littleton.

**\*House Bill No. 396** -- Driver Licenses - As introduced, under certain circumstances, waives driver license tests for an applicant with a valid driver license from a foreign country, if the department of safety enters into a reciprocal memorandum of understanding with a foreign country and the applicant verifies residency. - Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 50. by \*Goins.

**House Bill No. 397** -- Open Meetings - As introduced, prohibits a member of a governing body from casting a vote by means of text messaging. - Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 44 and Title 10, Chapter 7. by \*Lundberg.

**House Bill No. 398** -- Education - As introduced, extends the date of the repeal of the Virtual Public Schools Act from June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2019. - Amends TCA Section 49-16-216. by \*Brooks H, \*Pitts, \*Powers.

**House Bill No. 399** -- School Districts, Special - As introduced, revises the property tax rate for the Bradford special school district. - Amends Chapter 153 of the Private Acts of 1917; as amended. by \*Halford.

**\*House Bill No. 400** -- Evidence - As introduced, allows for electronic testimony in criminal trials where the court finds that the defendant and witness can view and hear each other, the judge and jury are able to observe the witness, and there is good cause for allowing the testimony to be given by electronic means. - Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 40. by \*Halford.

**\*House Bill No. 401** -- Probation and Parole - As introduced, makes a person convicted of vehicular homicide involving alcohol ineligible for probation. - Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 35. by \*Hardaway.

**\*House Bill No. 402** -- Election Laws - As introduced, decreases number of signatures required on a petition for a candidate's name to appear on the presidential preference primary ballot from 2,500 to 25. - Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 13 and Title 2, Chapter 5. by \*Wilburn.

**\*House Bill No. 403** -- TennCare - As introduced, reduces from 30 days to 15 days the period of time for an applicant for TennCare to mail documentation of a material change affecting the application. - Amends TCA Title 68 and Title 71. by \*Ramsey.

**House Bill No. 404** -- Alcohol Offenses, Sales - As introduced, creates a Class A misdemeanor for sale of powdered or crystalline alcohol. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17 and Title 57. by \*Butt.

**\*House Bill No. 405** -- Consumer Protection - As introduced, decreases the filing fee for the registration of litigation financiers who are not business entities or partnerships in this state, from \$100 to \$50.00. - Amends TCA Title 47. by \*Eldridge.

**\*House Bill No. 406** -- Administrative Procedure (UAPA) - As introduced, authorizes agencies to amend a rule pursuant to a request from the government operations committee without having to initiate a new rulemaking process; an amendment to a rule will still be filed with the secretary of state, reviewed by the attorney general and reporter, and reviewed by the government operations committees. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 5. by \*Faison.

**\*House Bill No. 407** -- Taxes, Personal Property - As introduced, creates a pilot project in Bradley County to improve the collection of personal property taxes from businesses. - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 7 and Title 67, Chapter 5. by \*Howell.

**\*House Bill No. 408** -- Motor Vehicles - As introduced, clarifies that, for certain criminal offenses, the word accident includes any crash or collision regardless of the level of care taken by the drivers involved or whether criminal conduct was involved. - Amends TCA Title 55. by \*Hulsey.

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**House Bill No. 409** -- Education, Higher - As introduced, requires the Tennessee Postsecondary Education Fact Book to be published annually prior to March 1, instead of March 15. - Amends TCA Title 49. by \*Kane.

**House Bill No. 410** -- Elder Abuse - As introduced, expands the offense of aggravated stalking to include a person who commits stalking against a victim who is at least 65 years of age when the person stalking is five or more years younger than the victim. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 3 and Title 71, Chapter 6. by \*Reedy.

**House Bill No. 411** -- Annexation - As introduced, reduces the state shared revenue due to any municipality that annexed territory by ordinance between April 15, 2013, and May 15, 2015, under certain circumstances. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 13; Title 49; Title 67; Title 68 and Chapter 1101 of the Public Acts of 1998. by \*McManus.

**House Bill No. 412** -- Beer - As introduced, allows a student taking a beer manufacturing course in higher education to taste beer as long as the student is 18 years of age, under certain circumstances. - Amends TCA Title 49 and Title 57, Chapter 5. by \*McManus.

**\*House Bill No. 413** -- Hospitals and Health Care Facilities - As introduced, removes protection for residential facilities or providers licensed by the department of intellectual and developmental disabilities providing residential services to the elderly or adults with disabilities so long as the services are adequate with respect to the health, safety, and welfare of each resident. - Amends TCA Title 33. by \*McManus.

**\*House Bill No. 414** -- Local Government, General - As introduced, permits the board of commissioners of a city incorporated under the city manager–commission charter to pass ordinances by means of a consent calendar. - Amends TCA Title 6, Chapter 20. by \*Durham.

**\*House Bill No. 415** -- Insurance, Health, Accident - As introduced, prohibits certain plans and entities entering into contracts to provide medical services pursuant to the Medical Assistance Act from denying certain dentists the right to participate in the provider network or from restricting enrollees from choosing certain dentists for the provision of dental services. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 56 and Title 71. by \*Sargent.

**House Bill No. 416** -- Taxes, Ad Valorem - As introduced, for property tax assessment purposes, changes the classification of property of local exchange telephone companies and telephone cooperatives from public utility to industrial and commercial property; revises other related provisions. - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 5 and Title 67, Chapter 6. by \*Sargent.

**House Bill No. 417** -- Tobacco, Tobacco Products - As introduced, decreases from 24 hours to 12 hours the time in which a drop shipper must report purchaser information after receiving an order. - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 10. by \*Sargent.

**\*House Bill No. 418** -- Public Funds and Financing - As introduced, under certain circumstances, requires any franchise and excise tax revenue growth estimates to be identified as recurring or nonrecurring. - Amends TCA Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 52. by \*Sargent.

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**\*House Bill No. 419** -- Taxes - As introduced, clarifies that the notice of tax assessment being challenged by a taxpayer in a lawsuit against the department of revenue must be attached to the petition filed in the lawsuit. - Amends TCA Title 67. by \*Alexander.

**\*House Bill No. 420** -- County Officers - As introduced, removes obsolete and contradictory language concerning temporary superintendents of schools. - Amends TCA Section 8-48-206. by \*Brooks H.

**House Bill No. 421** -- Chiropractors - As introduced, increases from \$50.00 to \$100 the per diem for members of the board of chiropractic examiners; replaces the secretary of the board's monthly salary of \$100 with the same per diem as other board members. - Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 4. by \*Sexton C.

**House Bill No. 422** -- Gas, Petroleum Products, Volatile Oils - As introduced, imposes a highway maintenance fee of 2.85 cents per mile driven by commercial motor vehicles in Tennessee; imposes a surcharge of 13 cents per gallon of diesel fuel used in freight motor vehicles driven in Tennessee; authorizes a franchise and excise tax credit in the amount of highway maintenance fees and surcharges paid by motor carriers domiciled in Tennessee. - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 3; Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 20; Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 21 and Title 67, Chapter 6. by \*Sexton C.

**House Bill No. 423** -- Taxes, Excise - As introduced, changes the statutory apportionment formula used to calculate franchise and excise taxes from a three-factor formula to a single-sales-factor formula. - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 4. by \*Sexton C.

**\*House Bill No. 424** -- Special License Plates - As introduced, authorizes issuance of Supporters of the Blind and Visually Impaired new specialty earmarked license plates. - Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 4. by \*Sexton C.

**\*House Bill No. 425** -- General Assembly - As introduced, expands the number of legislative committees required to receive a joint report from certain state boards and committees on the status of emergency medical services for children. - Amends TCA Title 63 and Title 68. by \*Terry.

**House Bill No. 426** -- Insurance, Health, Accident - As introduced, revises certain time periods for a health insurance entity to process the credentialing of healthcare providers and clarifies the kind of accrediting body that can impose certain liability insurance requirements. - Amends TCA Title 56; Title 63 and Title 68. by \*Terry.

**\*House Bill No. 427** -- Probation and Parole - As introduced, allows private probation providers who have contracted with the department of correction to supervise defendants whose conviction offense is a Class C or Class D felony in addition to current Class E felonies. - Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 35, Part 3. by \*Williams.

**\*House Bill No. 428** -- Attorney General and Reporter - As introduced, directs the office of the attorney general to prepare a written statement of a property owner's rights during any condemnation proceeding and to post the statement on its web site; requires that the statement be sent together with any notice of the filing of a petition to institute condemnation proceedings. - Amends TCA Title 29, Chapter 16 and Title 29, Chapter 17. by \*Rogers.

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**\*House Bill No. 429** -- Teachers, Principals and School Personnel - As introduced, prohibits supervisors from disciplining or discouraging teachers and other educators for reporting inaccuracies or errors or potentially inflammatory material in textbooks or other educational materials to supervisors, elected officials, or parents or guardians; prohibits requiring, as a condition of employment, a teacher or other educator to agree not to report inaccuracies or errors or potentially inflammatory material in textbooks or other educational materials. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6. by \*Goins.

**\*House Bill No. 430** -- Teachers, Principals and School Personnel - As introduced, permits a teacher to review any academic content and materials or student evaluation tools brought into the teacher's classroom or to which a teacher's students are exposed; requires the academic content and materials or student evaluation tools be made available for the teacher's review. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6. by \*Goins.

**\*House Bill No. 431** -- Students - As introduced, requires that any test or item of student work on which a student's grade in a course or subject is based be provided to the student's parent or guardian for review within 40 days of the submission of the test or work for grading. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6. by \*Goins.

**House Bill No. 432** -- Economic and Community Development - As introduced, authorizes ECD to make grants of \$35,000 annually over a four-year period to assist any manufacturing facility in an eligible county, if the facility creates 60 jobs within 24 months from beginning production and if other criteria are met. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 7; Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 20 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 21. by \*Weaver.

**\*House Bill No. 433** -- State Symbols - As introduced, designates the poem "Echoes from a Soldier's Grave," by Sergeant First Class Ernest E. Sharp, as the official veterans' poem of this state. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3. by \*Byrd.

**\*House Bill No. 434** -- Education - As introduced, requires that students having intellectual disabilities who are educated in comprehensive development classrooms be included as graduates when calculating the graduation rate for their high school class. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60. by \*Byrd.

**\*House Bill No. 435** -- Education - As introduced, requires inclusion of a student obtaining a GED or HiSET diploma within five years of entering high school in the graduation rate of the class in which the student entered high school. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60. by \*Byrd.

**\*House Bill No. 436** -- Education - As introduced, establishes the method for calculating a high school's graduation rate. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60. by \*Byrd.

**\*House Bill No. 437** -- Municipal Government - As introduced, allows municipalities to publish public notices in alternative forms, instead of publishing the notices in a newspaper of general circulation. - Amends TCA Title 6, Chapter 54, Part 5; Title 7 and Title 8. by \*Byrd.

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**\*House Bill No. 438** -- Utilities, Utility Districts - As introduced, authorizes state reimbursement for certain utility relocation costs in Hardin County, subject to review and approval by the commissioner of transportation. - Amends TCA Title 54, Chapter 5, Part 8. by \*Byrd.

**\*House Bill No. 439** -- Taxes, Sales - As introduced, requires a county-wide referendum for a county to increase local option to a rate already operative in a city or town instead of a referendum open only to county voters residing outside the city or town. - Amends TCA Section 67-6-706(b)(1). by \*Byrd.

**House Bill No. 440** -- Physicians and Surgeons - As introduced, establishes a process for reimbursing physicians for services rendered during the pendency of a credentialing application before a health insurance entity. - Amends TCA Title 56. by \*Byrd.

**House Bill No. 441** -- Education - As introduced, extends the authorization for the energy efficient schools council to award grants or loans for energy efficient capital outlay projects to allow awards to charter schools and the achievement school district in addition to public schools. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 17 and Section 49-4-940. by \*White D.

**House Bill No. 442** -- Mining and Quarrying - As introduced, authorizes the activity of "noncommercial gold mining" in streams of this state under general permit conditions. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 68 and Title 69. by \*McDaniel.

### HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

On motion, bills listed below passed second consideration and were referred by the Speaker to Committee or held on the Clerk's desk as noted:

**House Bill No. 115** -- Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities -- House Health Committee

**House Bill No. 116** -- Basic Education Program (BEP) -- House Education Administration and Planning Committee

**\*House Bill No. 117** -- Dentists and Dentistry -- House Health Committee

**\*House Bill No. 118** -- Dentists and Dentistry -- House Health Committee

**\*House Bill No. 119** -- County Officers -- House State Government Committee

**\*House Bill No. 120** -- Alcohol Offenses, Motor Vehicles -- House Criminal Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 121** -- Insurance, Health, Accident -- House Insurance and Banking Committee

**House Bill No. 122** -- Taxes, Exemption and Credits -- House Health Committee

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**House Bill No. 123** -- Elder Abuse -- House Health Committee

**\*House Bill No. 124** -- County Clerks -- House Local Government Committee

**House Bill No. 125** -- Schools, Charter -- House Education Instruction & Programs Committee

**\*House Bill No. 126** -- Lottery, Scholarships and Programs -- House Education Administration & Planning Committee

**House Bill No. 127** -- Education, Higher -- House Education Administration and Planning Committee

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 4** -- Memorials, Death - George Hamilton IV. by \*Johnson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 47** -- Memorials, Recognition - Textile Printing Company. by \*Watson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 49** -- Memorials, Recognition - Recognizing Debbie Massey for 10 years of service with the Madison-Rivergate Area Chamber of Commerce. by \*Dickerson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 50** -- Memorials, Death - Joseph C. Loser Jr. by \*Dickerson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 51** -- Memorials, Retirement - Reverend Joseph Patrick Breen. by \*Dickerson, \*Yarbro.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 52** -- Memorials, Sports - Vanderbilt University baseball team, 2014 NCAA National Champions. by \*Yarbro, \*Harper, \*Dickerson, \*Haile, \*Bailey, \*Beavers, \*Bell, \*Bowling, \*Briggs, \*Crowe, \*Gardenhire, \*Green, \*Gresham, \*Harris, \*Hensley, \*Jackson, \*Johnson, \*Kelsey, \*Ketron, \*Kyle, \*Massey, \*McNally, \*Niceley, \*Norris, \*Overbey, \*Ramsey, \*Roberts, \*Southerland, \*Stevens, \*Tate, \*Tracy, \*Watson, \*Yager.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 53** -- Memorials, Death - Elizabeth Craig Weaver Proctor. by \*Dickerson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 54** -- Memorials, Death - Charles Richard Franklin Treadway. by \*Dickerson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 55** -- Memorials, Death - John Lawrence Seigenthaler. by \*Dickerson, \*McNally, \*Overbey, \*Tracy, \*Yarbro.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 56** -- Memorials, Death - Bruce Isbester Crabtree Jr. by \*Dickerson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 57** -- Memorials, Death - Cecil D. Branstetter. by \*Dickerson, \*Overbey, \*Yarbro.

Pursuant to **Rule No. 50**, Rep. Dunn moved that all House Bills having companion Senate Bills and are on the Clerk's desk be conformed and substituted for the appropriate House Bill, all Senate and House Bills on the Consent Calendar be passed on third and final consideration, all House Resolutions and House Joint Resolutions be adopted, and all Senate Joint Resolutions on the Consent Calendar be concurred in, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes ..... 97  
Noes..... 0

Representatives voting aye were: Akbari, Alexander, Armstrong, Beck, Brooks H., Brooks K., Butt, Byrd, Calfee, Camper, Carr, Carter, Casada, Clemmons, Coley, Cooper, Daniel, Dunlap, Dunn, Durham, Eldridge, Faison, Farmer, Favors, Fitzhugh, Forgety, Gilmore, Goins, Gravitt, Halford, Hardaway, Harrison, Hawk, Haynes, Hazlewood, Hill M., Hill T., Holsclaw, Holt, Howell, Hulsey, Jernigan, Johnson, Jones, Kane, Keisling, Kumar, Lamberth, Littleton, Lollar, Love, Lundberg, Lynn, Marsh, Matheny, Matlock, McCormick, McDaniel, McManus, Miller, Mitchell, Moody, Parkinson, Pitts, Pody, Powell, Powers, Ragan, Ramsey, Reedy, Rogers, Sanderson, Sargent, Sexton C., Sexton J., Shaw, Shepard, Smith, Sparks, Spivey, Stewart, Swann, Terry, Todd, Towns, Travis, Turner, Van Huss, Weaver, White D., White M., Wilburn, Williams, Windle, Wirgau, Womick, Madam Speaker Harwell -- 97

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **RULES SUSPENDED**

Rep. McCormick moved that the rules be suspended in order to allow **House Joint Resolution No. 19** and **House Joint Resolution No. 20** to be placed on the House Regular Calendar for Thursday, February 12, 2015 if favorably considered by the Education Administration and Planning Committee and the Calendar and Rules Committee, which motion prevailed.

### **SPONSORS ADDED**

Under **Rule No. 43**, the following members were permitted to add their names as sponsors as indicated below, the prime sponsor of each having agreed to such addition:

**House Resolution No. 5** Reps. Marsh, Haynes, Sargent, M. White, Moody, T. Hill, Travis, C. Sexton, Powers, Byrd, Carter, Hawk, Casada, Butt, Gravitt, Terry, Alexander, Hazlewood, Smith, Rogers, Sparks, Matheny, Weaver, Ragan, J. Sexton, Coley, Hulsey,

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Sanderson, Kumar, Lamberth, H. Brooks, Lundberg, Goins, Howell, Forgety, McManus, Lollar and McDaniel as prime sponsors.

**House Joint Resolution No. 14** Reps. Pitts, Keisling, Littleton, Halford, Alexander, T. Hill, Farmer, Travis, Johnson, Matheny, Kane, Durham, Pody, Lundberg, Love, Rogers, Van Huss, Wirgau, Fitzhugh, Womick and Reedy as prime sponsors.

**House Joint Resolution No. 47** Reps. Favors, Cooper, Akbari, Gilmore, Camper, Turner, Stewart and Fitzhugh as prime sponsors.

**House Bill No. 32** Rep. Fitzhugh as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 47** Rep. Ramsey as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 70** Reps. Casada as third prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 76** Rep. Goins as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 81** Rep. Calfee as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 82** Rep. Matheny as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 91** Rep. Alexander as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 102** Reps. Harrison and McDaniel as third and fourth prime sponsors.

**House Bill No. 125** Reps. Camper, Miller, Akbari, Love and DeBerry as prime sponsors.

**House Bill No. 143** Reps. Terry, Weaver and McManus as prime sponsors.

**House Bill No. 197** Reps. Goins and J. Sexton as prime sponsors.

**House Bill No. 210** Reps. J. Sexton, Johnson and Casada as prime sponsors.

**House Bill No. 287** Rep. Powers as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 288** Rep. Sanderson as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 291** Rep. Marsh as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 392** Rep. Pitts as prime sponsor.

### **SPONSORS REMOVED**

On motion, Rep. Casada was removed as sponsor of **House Bill No. 276**.

### **ROLL CALL**

The roll call was taken with the following results:

Present..... 97

Representatives present were Akbari, Alexander, Armstrong, Beck, Brooks H., Brooks K., Butt, Byrd, Calfee, Camper, Carr, Carter, Casada, Clemmons, Coley, Cooper, Daniel, Dunlap, Dunn, Durham, Eldridge, Faison, Farmer, Favors, Fitzhugh, Forgety, Gilmore, Goins, Gravitt, Halford, Hardaway, Harrison, Hawk, Haynes, Hazlewood, Hill M., Hill T., Holsclaw, Holt, Howell, Hulsey, Jernigan, Johnson, Jones, Kane, Keisling, Kumar, Lamberth, Littleton, Lollar, Love, Lundberg, Lynn, Marsh, Matheny, Matlock, McCormick, McDaniel, McManus, Miller, Mitchell, Moody, Parkinson, Pitts, Pody, Powell, Powers, Ragan, Ramsey, Reedy, Rogers, Sanderson, Sargent, Sexton C., Sexton J., Shaw, Shepard, Smith, Sparks, Spivey, Stewart, Swann, Terry, Todd, Towns, Travis, Turner, Van Huss, Weaver, White D., White M., Wilburn, Williams, Windle, Wirgau, Womick, Madam Speaker Harwell -- 97

### **RECESS MOTION**

On motion of Rep. McCormick, and pursuant to House Joint Resolution 27, the House stood in a brief recess prior to joining the Senate in the Joint Convention for the purpose of hearing the Governor's Budget Address, at the conclusion of which the House stood in recess until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 11, 2015.

**IN JOINT CONVENTION  
STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2015**

The hour having arrived, set by House Joint Resolution No. 27, the Senate met with the House in Joint Convention for the purpose of hearing the State of the State Address from Governor Bill Haslam.

The Joint Convention was called to order by Mr. Speaker Ramsey, President of the Joint Convention.

On motion of Senator Norris, the roll call of the Senate was dispensed with.

On motion of Representative McCormick, the roll call for the House was dispensed with.

**PRESENT IN CHAMBER**

Reps. Lynn and Womick were recorded as being present in the Chamber.

Thereupon, the Clerk of the Senate read House Joint Resolution No. 27, authorizing the Joint Convention.

Senator Norris moved that the President of the Joint Convention appoint a Committee composed of three members from the Senate and three members from the House of Representatives to notify the Governor that the Joint Convention is in session and awaiting his arrival.

Mr. President Ramsey appointed Senators Crowe, Yager and Yarbro; Representatives Daniel, McCormick and Fitzhugh. Representative McCormick served as Chair of the Committee.

**RECESS MOTION**

Without objection, Mr. President Ramsey moved that the Joint Convention stand in recess pending the arrival of Governor Bill Haslam.

**RECESS EXPIRED**

The recess having expired, the Joint Convention was called to order by Mr. President Ramsey.

Mr. President Ramsey recognized Representative McCormick at the entrance of the House Chamber, who stated “Mr. President, the escort Committee is proud to welcome Bill Haslam, the 49<sup>th</sup> Governor of the State of Tennessee.”

Mr. President Ramsey asked the Committee to escort Governor Bill Haslam to the podium.

Mr. President Ramsey stated, “Members of the General Assembly, it is my distinguished honor to present to you the Honorable Bill Haslam, Governor of the Great State of Tennessee.”

**State of the State Address  
“Tennessee: Full Speed Ahead”  
February 9, 2015**

*Lieutenant Governor Ramsey, Speaker Harwell, Speaker Pro Tem Watson, Speaker Pro Tem Johnson, Members of the 109th General Assembly, Justices, Constitutional Officers, friends, guests and fellow Tennesseans:*

*First, let me begin by assuring you, particularly those of you who this is your first year, that I don't plan on making you listen to me give an address every week. There was the inauguration a couple of weeks ago, Insure Tennessee last Monday, and then tonight. I'm sure some of you are already tired of hearing me, so the good news is this will be the shortest State of the State speech yet.*

*Last week, the decision was made not to move forward with Insure Tennessee. However, that does not mean the issues around health care go away. Too many Tennesseans are still not getting health coverage they need in the right way, at the right place, at the right time. An emergency room is not the place where so many Tennesseans should be going for health care services. It's not the best health care for them, and it's costing us a lot more in the long run.*

*Health care costs are still eating up way too much of our state's budget and impacting the federal deficit and nation's debt. According to the Congressional Budget Office, if we maintained health care costs at their current levels, which I think we can all agree are inflated, for the next eight years – if just kept them flat - we'd eliminate the nation's deficit. If we do that, we can't keep doing what we have been doing.*

*So, though the special session has ended, I hope we can find a way to work together to address these problems.*

*As we transition from the special session to the regular session, I look forward to continuing to work together on the important issues that face our state and our citizens.*

*This evening, I am here to update you on how we're doing as a state and to present our administration's budget. You will see in the budget that we are continuing to invest in the things that we believe in and that Tennesseans care about: education, jobs and a customer-focused, efficient and effective state government.*

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*I stand here tonight to tell you that the state of our state is enviable in many ways. There are a lot of good things happening in Tennessee, and they're being recognized in significant ways all across the country.*

*There are nearly 225,000 new private sector jobs have been created in Tennessee in the last four years, and we hold the designation of "State of the Year" in economic development for an unprecedented second year in a row.*

*We lead the country in academic achievement gains, we are the first state ever to promise that our high school seniors can attend two years at a community or technical college free of tuition and fees.*

*We have the lowest debt per capita of any state and among the lowest tax rates. So, we have a lot of momentum to build on, and as I said several weeks ago at the inaugural, we're not letting our foot off the gas.*

*The next four years also come with the reality that we will face the same budget challenges that we have faced in the past four years. Every year we have a limited amount of new money that is available from our revenue growth. That new money rarely keeps pace with our budget obligations and growing costs for education and health care. That's why it is so important that our state has built a track record of fiscal restraint over the years.*

*You know, there are a lot of things that state government is responsible for and that we're accomplishing that you might not know about, because I am still learning something new from our departments all of the time. For example:*

*Our Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities' state service delivery system is the very first to be accredited in the nation.*

*In the Department of Children's Services, unfortunately the Child Abuse Hotline had to take 140,000 calls last year and 80 percent of those calls were answered within 20 seconds, which exceeds national standards.*

*In 2014, there were fewer accidental fire-related deaths in Tennessee than in any time in recorded history.*

*Last year, Tennessee had the second lowest number of traffic fatalities of the past 50 years.*

*Average wait times in our driver services centers have dropped for over 32 minutes in 2011 to under 24 minutes in 2014.*

*Tennessee State Parks had 35 million visits last year.*

*The Department of Veteran's Affairs serves about 10 percent of our state, more than half a million veterans and their dependents each year.*

*We are all concerned about prescription drug abuse in our state, and from the work of our Public Safety Subcabinet and legislation you've passed, the amount of narcotic pain medication*

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*prescribed in Tennessee is down five percent. And, doctor shopping is down 42 percent from its peak in 2011.*

*Well, all that work and a lot of others starts with a state government that is up to the task. That means a customer-focused government that recruits, retains and rewards the very best and brightest employees to serve.*

*Three years ago we worked with you, the General Assembly to overhaul our outdated employment system. Because of that, we are now able to recruit, hire and promote based on who is best for the job, not who has been in line the longest.*

*Two years ago, again with your help, we put \$60 million in the budget to raise state employee salaries to be more in line with the market place.*

*This year, we are including \$48 million in the budget for employee pay raises and market adjustments. That amounts to a three percent pool, but unlike in years past, those won't be across the board. Pay raises and compensation will be tied to employee performance in addition to ongoing market adjustments. We have worked hard to bring employee salaries up to be competitive with the private sector. After nearly two years of implementing performance evaluations, it makes sense to take the next step to move toward rewarding employees like the private sector does – on their performance and results, not just on seniority.*

*So, as we continue to prepare for a changing workforce, we are doing all we can to give our commissioners the tools and flexibility to meet the needs of their departments.*

*We are going to be asking a lot from our employees as we move full speed ahead. I am grateful for the dedication of employees all across the state, and I'm excited about the opportunity to better recognize and reward them for their outstanding work.*

*So, as we talk about state government's workforce, we are also making certain that Tennesseans are prepared for the workforce challenges of today's global market economy.*

*There has been a lot of talk in our country today about the income gap – about our shrinking middle class and it is a problem – and it's no secret Republicans and Democrats have some different views about the best ways to address that. But there is a truth that we all know and that we can all agree on regardless of party.*

*The best answer of all involves creating opportunity for more people to be prepared for the jobs of the future.*

*If you take a two-earner high school educated couple and they both obtain college degrees, their income rises on average \$58,000 per year.*

*Unfortunately, in our country, the escalator has stopped. In ranking the world's countries by the percentage of the population with a degree as recently as 2000, the United States ranked second. Today, we are fifth, and most disturbingly, we ranked 12th among the 25 to 34-year-old age group.*

*More Americans, almost 30 percent, who have less education than their parents, than the 20 percent who have more education than their parents.*

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*But, in Tennessee, we are doing something about that. Two years ago, thanks to you again, we announced our Drive to 55 to raise the percentage of Tennesseans with a certificate or degree beyond high school up from 32 percent to 55 percent by the year 2025.*

*Last year, we introduced the Tennessee Promise - the very first state in the country to guarantee high school graduates two years free community college or technical school.*

*This year, of our 65,000 high school seniors, 58,000 of them applied for the Tennessee Promise. Equally impressive, 9,200 adult Tennesseans signed up to be volunteer mentors for those students. For the last 30 years, Tennessee's greatest need has been for better trained workers who can fill the jobs that companies want to bring here. We think the Tennessee Promise is a game changer.*

*But while we know that access is important, it's even more, what's even more important is success. Not only do we need to get those students into school, but they need to finish. That's why the mentor piece of the Tennessee Promise is so important.*

*But we're also going to include \$400,000 in this year's budget to establish the Tennessee Promise Bridge Program. It's a pilot program to bring first-generation students to campus prior to fall enrollment. When nobody in your family has ever gone to college before, being there can be intimidating. This is one more step to make sure these students have the very best chance possible to succeed.*

*It is also why our SAILS program is so important. SAILS gives students who need extra support in math that attention during their senior year in high school rather than waiting to go to college so they can avoid remediation when they go to college. We piloted the program two years ago, and the results speak for themselves.*

*Last year, 8,100 students were served by the SAILS almost 70 percent of those completed the remediation while still in high school the result their families saved nearly \$6.5 million in tuition.*

*So, this year we are including \$2.5 million to sustain the success of the SAILS program.*

*But the reality is that just reaching high school graduates won't be enough to reach our goal. In Tennessee, there are nearly one million adults, one million, with some post-secondary credit but without a degree. We have to figure out ways to reconnect those adults and remove the barriers that are preventing them from earning their degree or certificate, so that they can have a better job and a brighter future.*

*We are including \$1.5 million dollars in this year's budget for a pilot program – modeled after Tennessee Promise - to provide last dollar scholarships to adults with some post-secondary credit so that they can attend community college.*

*Also, again thanks to your work last year, beginning this fall, any Tennessee adult will be able to attend a Tennessee College of Applied Technology absolutely free.*

*The budget also includes nearly \$2.5 million for statewide outreach efforts geared toward adults, technical assistance to local communities that are finding ways to support adult learners, and a one stop portal for adults.*

*One group of adults that has shown a lot of enthusiasm on college campuses is our veterans. From 2008 to 2013, we have seen an increase of nearly 200 percent of veterans enrolling in our colleges and universities. Our Veterans Education Task Force has been working to address the unique needs that our service men and women have when they come home and go back to school. Based on their report, the budget includes \$1 million to set up competitive grants to 2-year and 4-year schools to develop initiatives specifically designed for veterans to be successful in earning a degree or certificate.*

*So, as we drive more students to our community colleges, technical colleges and universities, we are expecting more from our schools than we ever have before.*

*We are asking them to move full speed ahead too. We want to make sure they're keeping expenses low and working to control tuition costs. We're asking them to make sure they're providing the right instruction and classes that lead to real jobs.*

*But, we know that we have a role to play in this process too. We've made education, both K-12 and higher ed, top priorities - both from a policy standpoint and through our budgets, and this year is no exception.*

*In response to our schools' new focus on success and completion, we will be investing \$25 million to fully fund the Complete College Act formula.*

*The budget will also include \$10 million to fund more need-based scholarships for students.*

*We've budgeted more than \$260 million for higher ed capital. That funds new science facilities at Jackson State Community College and the University of Tennessee. It also includes nearly \$25 million for improvements to our colleges of applied technology all across the state, and it includes the funds to finally complete the long awaited fine arts building at East Tennessee State University.*

*Well, the reason we continue to make these investments in education is we want Tennesseans to have the education, training and skills necessary to have a good, high-quality, good paying job.*

*And we're having a lot of success in attracting those jobs to Tennessee. Tennessee has become known around the world as a leading automotive manufacturing state. Well, that's really good news because those are good jobs that bring a lot of other good jobs with them through the supplier network.*

*In the past though, while companies might have trusted us to build their automobiles, they typically put their research and development efforts elsewhere. Today that's changing, and more and more research and development jobs connected to manufacturing are coming to Tennessee. We want to be known as a state where employers can find the job skills that they need no matter what the skill level of the job might be.*

*If we are going to achieve the goals of the Drive to 55, then Tennesseans must first have a strong foundation through what they learn in elementary, middle and high school.*

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*I truly believe that getting education right is critical to the well-being of our state – today and in the future. We have to keep going full speed ahead. We can't afford to go backwards.*

*We've come too far to sell ourselves short. It would be an injustice to our students, to our teachers, to Tennessee families, and to ourselves.*

*There has been a lot of discussion about education, here and in schools and communities across the state. Most of the discussions have been around three things: state standards – what we will expect every student to know at every step along the way in his or her education journey; student assessments – how we will measure what students have learned through the year; and teacher evaluations.*

*Let's start with standards. Standards are the foundational skills that students should know at different grade levels. For example, one of the kindergarten reading standards is to, and I quote, "demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds," which includes recognizing and producing rhyming words and counting, pronouncing, blending and segmenting syllables in spoken words. I hope my grandchildren can do that when they get to kindergarten.*

*But, we typically review education standards - like that one - every six years, but because of the ongoing conversation on a state and national level, we think it's appropriate to take a fresh look at them now, after four years. It's important for us to realize that there are more than 1,100 standards for English language arts and more than 900 for math.*

*Back in November, we launched a website where Tennesseans can go to review and make comments on our existing state standards. This spring, the Southern Regional Education Board, an independent, third party organization, will collect the input from that website, which will then be reviewed and analyzed by six advisory teams made up of Tennessee educators divided up by subject matter. Those teams will then make recommendations to two expert committees of educators, again Tennesseans, which will then propose changes to the State Board of Education.*

*If you haven't visited the website, I encourage you to do so. So far, nearly 82,000 comments have been submitted. I expect that we're going to talk about state standards this session, and I think it is important that we know exactly what the standards are that we're talking about and possibly voting on.*

*To me, it doesn't really matter what we call our standards. What does matter is that we have the highest standards possible. What does matter is that we continue to have high expectations for our students, teachers and this state. We can come up with Tennessee standards that allow our students to compete with anyone in the world.*

*Over the past four years, I've met with thousands of educators to get feedback on what's going well in our schools and classrooms and what's not. One thing I hear a lot is frustration about the feeling that their profession is treated like a political football. We have to give our educators more stability and certainty in their classrooms and not change the game on them session after session.*

*We've proposed legislation that specifically addresses many of the concerns I've been hearing from teachers including the alignment of what they're teaching with our year-end assessment and having the Department of Education provide more information about the annual tests so*

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*they can better prepare their students every year. We are also proposing to make reasonable changes to teacher evaluations, and we're focusing on overall improved communication and collaboration with our educators.*

*We are asking more of our teachers and their students than ever before. And guess what? Teachers and students across Tennessee are rising up to the challenge.*

*By now, almost everyone knows that Tennessee is making impressive gains in academic achievement. I expect there will be a lot of discussion about education this session, and there should be. You've heard me say it before, but it bears repeating: There is nothing more important to our state than getting education right. That's why in this year's budget, we are proposing nearly \$170 million more for K-12 education.*

*The budget includes nearly \$44 million to account for growth in the Basic Education Program. While other states are cutting K-12 education, Tennessee continues to be one of the few states in the country to make significant investments. In fact, our state spending on K-12 education over the past four years increased at a rate more than double the national average.*

*We know that a big part of success is to have a great teacher leading every classroom. Just like with state employees, we want to recruit, retain and reward the best and brightest educators. A big piece of doing that is paying good teachers well. One of our goals in Tennessee is to not only be the fastest improving state in academic achievement gains but to also be the fastest improving state in teacher compensation. Tonight, I am pleased to announce that the budget includes \$100 million for increasing teacher salaries. That amounts to a four percent pool that local education associations will have available as they make decisions on increasing teacher pay.*

*We are also including \$5 million in the budget to create the Educators' Liability Trust Fund to offer liability insurance to our teachers at no cost.*

*We will continue doing all we can to work with educators and support them as professionals who are shaping the future of our children and our state.*

*So, in this year's budget, as I said, we have \$300 million in new revenue to work with and \$500 million in cost increases, primarily for education and health care increases. That's why we have to try different approaches that will help us keep costs down while increasing quality and outcomes in health care.*

*Obviously, those increases have necessitated \$200 million in cost reductions in other places. The cost reductions that we make are painful and involve hard choices but without making those hard choices in the budget, we simply could not keep producing a balanced budget every year. Since we've been in office, we have redirected more than \$450 million so that we can keep funding our state's needs while we are balancing our budget.*

*The reality is that's not going to change. We are going to have to continue to look for ways to cut costs and reallocate resources. One of the things that we like the best about Tennessee is our low tax structure, but that also means that we have limited revenues to fund the programs and services that Tennessee taxpayers rely on.*

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*That's why we are working to better manage our real estate and office space that results in real savings. That's why we're taking the next step to reduce energy costs and consumption across our departments through our Empower Tennessee program. That's why we work to maintain the low debt that we have as a state. By the way, continuing to pay off our debt this year means that we'll spend \$13 million less this year on interest than we did last year.*

*And, we're going to make certain that we're prepared for the future by continuing to strengthen our Rainy Day Fund. This year we will add \$36.5 million to bring the total to \$528 million.*

*After presenting our budget last year, there was a sharp decline in revenue collections, and we weren't able to do some of the things we initially proposed in the budget.*

*Most of the drop was in our business tax collections. We've spent a lot of time since then working internally and with outside experts to analyze what happened.*

*Some of it is a result of the natural volatility of business taxes in general. Some of it was due to over collections in prior years in which reimbursements weren't accounted for in the budgeting process. And some of it is that companies outside of Tennessee, but that do business in Tennessee, aren't always required to pay the same taxes that our in state and homegrown companies do.*

*Through the analysis, we found that Tennessee has fallen behind other states in protecting our in state businesses from unfair competition from out of state companies.*

*To remedy that, we will file the Revenue Modernization Act, which aims to level the playing field in terms of sales tax and business taxes.*

*The bill also capitalizes on trends that we're seeing in product distribution by creating an incentive for companies to use Tennessee's distribution industry, which maximizes our state's strengths.*

*We are committed to Tennessee remaining a low tax state. This proposal simply brings us in line to better compete with other states and to not put our in state businesses at a disadvantage, which we are doing today.*

*I understand, for all of us, there is a lot of work, demand and pressure that comes with being an elected official, but there is also something really special about serving our fellow Tennesseans. As I look back on the past four years, it is pretty incredible all that we have gotten done in working together. In looking back, I also see how fast time goes by. That's why we're not letting up on the throttle these next four years. We have to go full speed ahead because there is still a lot of work to do.*

*After the Insure Tennessee vote last week, there has been a lot of speculation about what happened. Some people have asked me if it was a waste of time and if I regret bringing the proposal. The answer is no to both.*

*To me the work we do here shouldn't just be about winning or losing. That's what's wrong with Washington. That is why people are so frustrated with what happens there. Every issue is cast in terms of political wins and losses. It should be about getting to the right answer, serving the people of Tennessee, and doing our part to make lives better.*

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*Last week when I was here, I talked about coming here not just to make a point but to make a difference. It's about looking for answers not just having an agenda. With great power comes great responsibility.*

*I was in Washington weekend before last for a series of dinners and events. There were a lot of people who are currently in power and more than a few who used to be in power and have moved off of the stage. Some of those who are no longer on the stage wished mightily that they could be back on it. Others were content to have played their role at their particular time. Regardless, it reminded me we all have a shelf life. At some point, it will be our turn to move off of this stage and to move on from here. When that time comes, let's be able to look back knowing that while we had the high privilege of serving here, we did everything we could to make Tennessee an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.*

*Until that time comes, let's keep moving full speed ahead.*

*Thank you for the opportunity to be here and thank you for your service to Tennessee.*

Mr. President Ramsey relinquished the Chair to Madam Speaker Harwell.

Thereupon, the purpose for which the Joint Convention was called having been accomplished, Madam President Harwell declared the Joint Convention dissolved.